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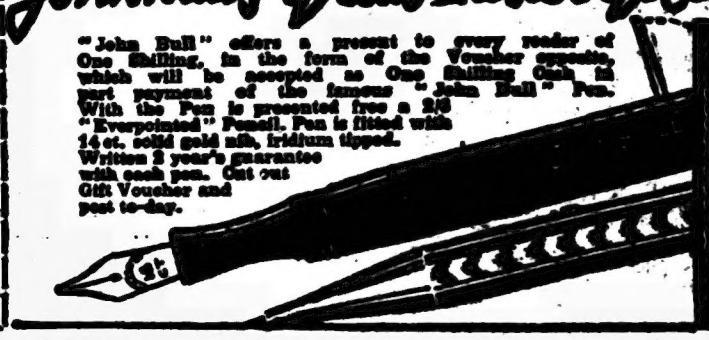

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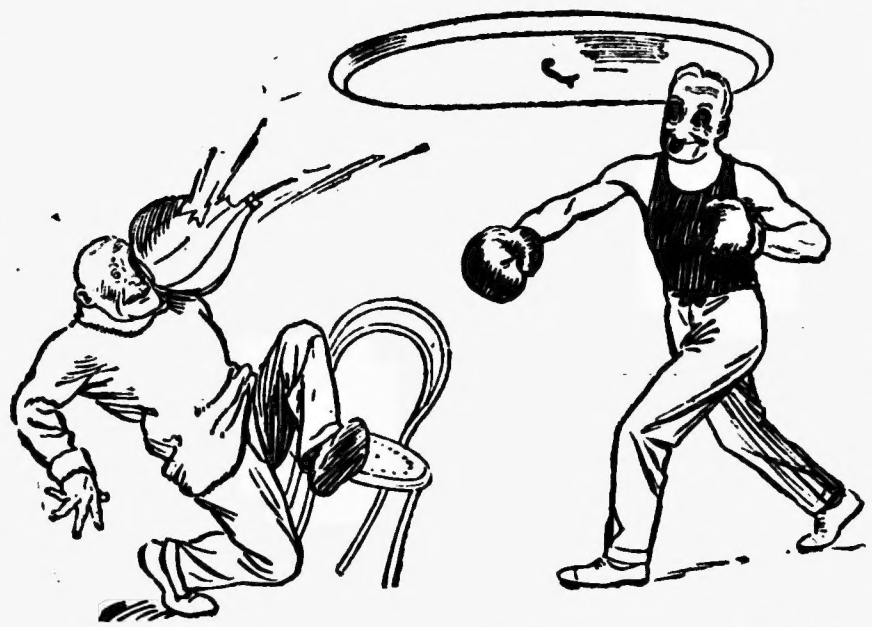

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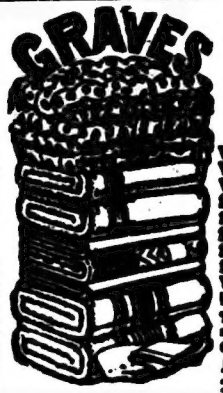

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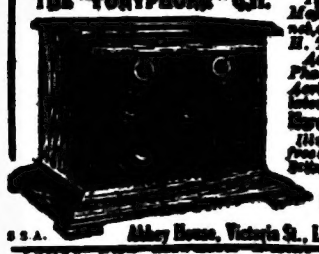

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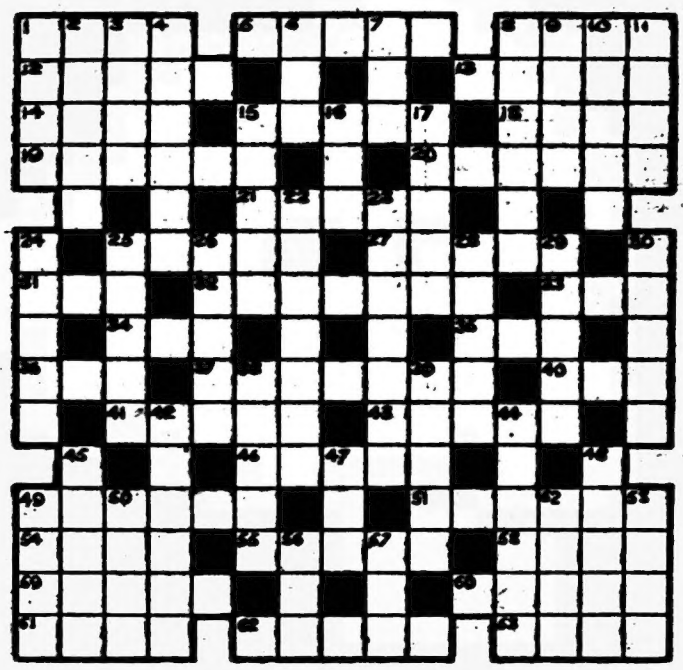

ACROSS CLUES.

1. A rough file.
5. Malice.
8. A swindle.
12. Aged.
13. Sweetening substance.
14. Lazy.
15. A stratum.
18. Curtain.
19. To deceive.
20. Blood-vessel.
21. Scale of notes in music.
25. A heathen.
27. Female relative.
31. A pair.
32. Pure spirit.
33. Enquire.
34. Part of verb to be.
35. German for "the."
36. Wrath.
37. Get ready.
40. Stray.
41. Indigestible substance from the pine.
43. Rustic.
46. For the shirt front.
49. Infant's bed.
51. An alarm bell.
54. Lower part of the ear.
55. A simpleton.
58. Soft mud.
59. Collection of maps.
60. Earnest money.
61. An equal.
62. Flat fish.
63. Small hollow.

CLUES DOWN

1. Inroad.
2. S. American mountains.
3. Foundation timber of window.
4. Membrane that covers inside of thorax.
5. Vegetable.
6. Debatable article.
7. Country labourer.
9. A chilly fit.
10. Wed.
11. Booty.
15. Appertaining to the law.
16. A tropical root.
17. Proportion.
22. Of former times.
23. Unknown.
24. The top room.
25. Strength.
26. Short breaths.
28. A tree.
29. Artists' frame.
30. A border.
38. Ascended.
39. Corroded.
42. To render deer.
44. Agreement.
45. Composed.
47. A vessel.
48. Dried up.
49. Applaud.
50. Having power.
52. Only.
53. Birds' bed.
56. Writing fluid.
57. Negative.

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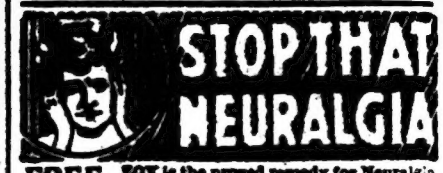

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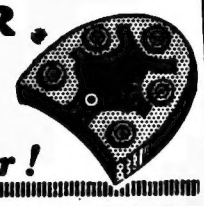

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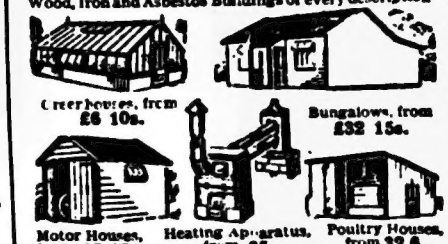

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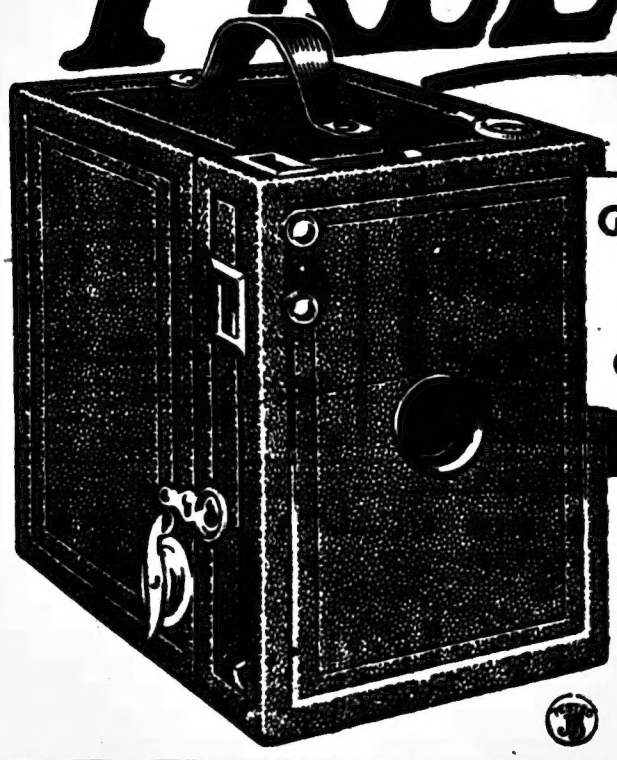

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The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

An Important Article.

We are pleased to present to our readers, on page 20, an important and exclusive pronouncement by Mr. Lloyd George. If it sets politicians thinking it will have achieved no mean object.

Advice to Austen.

Equally important is Mr. A. G. Gardiner's trenchant criticism of the Foreign Secretary's policy on the League of Nations crisis in a special article on page 17. Is Austen capable of taking good advice? We doubt it.

"Jerks" at Westminster.

Parliament has certainly thrown off the lethargy of last year. With so feeble an Opposition the Government majority sees that it has got to take on the Opposition's job. It is fighting its own obesity with "physical jerks."

A Lightning Strike.

The Overseas Trade Minister's blind and blunt exclusion of Russia in any help to British export trade provoked a back-Bench mutiny which halved the Government majority on that night. The sports grounds revolt really astounded Ministers.

A Thundering "No."

The most striking and most healthy of Parliamentary revolts was the explosion among all Parties against the French intrigue to "rig" the League of Nations. Despite all denials, there was an explosion in the Cabinet too.

Inevitable.

Electors now see the result of an overwhelming majority given to any one Party. Multifarious shades of opinion prevent straightforward legislation. Proportional representation would set the matter right.

Senseless Cruelty.

Mr. Churchill proclaims a million surplus and no need for fresh taxation. Then the Government should instantly cease docking men of unemployed benefit for which they have paid—unspeakably mean and cruel all along, and now without one shred of excuse.

There's Hope.

Interim measures will be needed to steady the coal industry while it is being extricated from the subsidy. The trade winds are set fair. A general spirit to avoid conflict is manifested.

For the Future.

The brightest prospect for all concerned lies in definitely linking up the coalfields with a big forward move in electrical enterprise. As a source of national wealth, and a regenerator of social life, electricity in this country is still an untapped gold-mine.

Lightened Labour.

Within ten years half the farms in the United States will be electrified. Similar facilities are needed for towns and villages in this country. It's the way to national prosperity. Why not take it?

Light and Power.

The Government has promised to lend the national credit to those sinking pits in the new Kent coalfields. This means either unfair competition with the north or a golden opportunity to secure the benefits to the nation. Mr. Baldwin must not sell us a pup.

Hypocrisy.

In exploring avenues for revenues, Mr. Churchill continues to flirt with a tax on bets. Why "social reformers" urge that it would encourage betting, while they admit that a tax on drink is a check to drunkenness, is a mystery. Such excuses are sheer hypocrisy.

Millions—and Millions.

In six years Mesopotamia has dipped into the pocket of the British taxpayer to the tune of nearly £80,000,000. This is Mr. Amery's own computation. And ever since the war we have numbered our unemployed also in millions!

Barnacles.

As a specious pleader Sir Samuel Hoare has not much to learn; but even he fails to convince us that fifty men are essential to every aeroplane we possess. The majority of necessity are not fliers, but all of necessity have to be paid. If we must spend the money we demand the goods.

Not Having Any!

Lord Jellicoe complains that volunteers for the Organisation for the Maintenance of Supplies are less numerous than its sponsors could wish. Which merely goes to prove that as a nation we are not so foolish as some people think.

Lords and Labourers.

We doubt if even a sledge-hammer would knock sense into the craniums of certain peers. The second reading of the Bill to secure to agricultural workers a minimum wage of 30s. was defeated in the Lords. Arrogant stupidity!

Defending the Defenceless.

Sir William Joynson-Hicks proclaims himself a wholehearted supporter of the Child Adoption Bill. So are we. It is a non-contentious measure of simple humanity. It must pass into law without delay.

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Mother and Son.

The death of a village postmistress has deprived Mr. F. O. Roberts, ex-Minister of Pensions, of a well-loved mother. While offering him our sympathy, we can also take pride in belonging to a country where the son of a village postmistress can become a Cabinet Minister.

One is Enough.

Lt.-Col. Fremantle, M.P., thinks fear of premature burial exaggerated, though "such incidents do undoubtedly occur." That's enough evidence. A Bill to amend the method of giving death certificates must be passed without delay.

Penalising Ignorance.

We welcome the Bill which proposes to abolish prosecutions for blasphemy, since it was applied mainly to the unlettered sceptic. It is too late in the day to punish even the vulgar for denying a religious dogma. A Church that fears abuse is a Church self-condemned.

How It Works.

On December 22, 1924, *before* imposition of the silk taxes, the number of unemployed in the silk industry was 2,987. On December 21, 1925, *after* the Duties were imposed, the number of unemployed in the silk industry was 5,050. That is how tariffs "stimulate trade."

Inadequate.

Up to last month the number of houses completed in rural district areas under the Wheatley scheme was 2,655. And six times that number wouldn't be half enough.

It's Scandalous—

Here's a fact for both the Government and the building unions: 14,367 houses were reported as unfit for human habitation during 1923. *They are still occupied by humans.*

—And Demoralising.

In England and Wales 317,417 families, comprising 623,869 persons, live in one room per family. That is the sowing. The reaping is done in hospitals and police-courts, prisons and reformatories.

The Labour College.

Easton Lodge has been handed over to the Labour Party—a magnificent gift. It must be used for education in the widest, deepest sense. Not "class consciousness" but first-class brains able to tackle big problems are needed.

One Hundred per Cent.

Fresh eggs, costing from 1½d. to 2½d. in retail shops, are sold at 5d. each in London restaurants. Two poached eggs on toast cost 1s. 0½d. Evidently the way to amass money is to start an eating-house.

The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

Worth Bragging About.

It is the proud boast of Northampton that it possesses more working-class owners of houses than any other city in the Brittsh Isles. We commend this to the notice of some cities whose chief claims to fame are a first-class football team and horrible slum dwellings.

Militant Minister.

"All this talk of no more war will only produce a nation of cowards." These are the words of the Rev. H. A. Skelton, rector of Toddington, Bedfordshire. We have no words to waste over a cleric who claims to be wiser than his Master.

Peace-time Heroes.

Without warning, while five men were engaged in repairs, the front of a boiler at the mills of Messrs. Joseph Dawson, at Cashmere Works, Laisterdyke, blew out. Len Potter and Willy Horn were killed; the other men were seriously injured. Such are the risks run by heroes of every-day life doing work useful to the community.

Belated Reason.

At long last the General Medical Council has consented to the publication in the lay Press of articles on professional subjects, provided no writer seeks to promote therewith his own personal advancement. This concession will remove the suspicion that the function of healing is regarded as greater than that of prevention—an illogical hypothesis.

Pennies and Pounds.

There is much to be said for the contention of Mr. S. F. Cartwright, an American engineer, that our country will never beat his until we scrap our antiquated machinery in favour of the latest models. He asserts that some of the Government factories visited by him are a quarter of a century behind the times. Competition is too keen to admit of economies so wasteful.

Air the Question.

With the possibility of interference with the Sunday performances of certain play-producing societies the whole question of Sunday opening of theatres is raised. To keep them closed, while concerts, cinemas, and even broadcast plays are allowed, is simply hypocrisy. Actors and actresses and musicians cannot work a seven-day week, but there are thousands out of work. Why not a Sunday brigade?

The Better Way.

Overcrowding exists in one out of every six houses in Dukinfield. Some cottages have only two bedrooms, and in these ten and even thirteen persons, of both sexes, have to sleep at night. Morality and life itself are endangered when such conditions exist, and Dukinfield's town Council must move. It is better to relieve the overcrowding by building more houses than to wait for an epidemic to empty the rooms.

A Sunny Outlook.

That the heart of the workers is in the right place is proved by the wonderful generosity of men in the service of the London General Omnibus Company. They have given to Manor House Hospital, Golders Green, £300 for a sun-ray lamp installation. They have promised a like amount for the same purpose to the Royal East Sussex Hospital. This means new life to hundreds who are ailing. "So shines a good deed in a naughty world."

His Gift.

At the annual general meeting of St. Mark's Hospital for Cancer was announced a gift of £100. It came from a poor City caretaker, who twenty years ago was cured of a painful disease. From that moment he saved, going without little treats, saving here and sacrificing there, until the golden moment arrived when he could take £100 to the hospital. Many rich gifts have been given to such institutions, but this poor man at eighty years of age "hath cast in more than them all."

Wakeful Warrington.

Well done, Warrington! Hundreds of houses are being built in this town, which are to be sold for £370 apiece, less the building subsidy of £100. Since the council will advance another £260, a man can gain possession on the payment of £10 only. This is an object-lesson in tactics which no city should be too proud to copy.

Pitiful "Sport."

The Mid-Kent Stag-hounds Hunt, who two years ago lost a stag because it was carried to France after swimming out to sea, have added another "laurel" to their "honours." This time the carted stag tired of the hunt and trotted back to the cart for conveyance home. Why this incident should be dubbed "amusing" puzzles us. It is a damning indictment of man's inhumanity.

The Scandal.

Mr. Andrew Robertson, Rector of the High School at Brechin, Forfarshire, has had the degree of M.A. conferred upon him at the age of eighty-nine. He won it sixty-eight years ago, but was unable to afford the graduation fee of six guineas. Comment would spoil this priceless illustration of an educational system that makes the wearing of a well-won degree dependent on a payment of cash.

Double Injury.

Some time ago a member of St. John's Church choir, Bradford, had the love of his wife stolen from him, and obtained a decree against her. Now the vicar (the Rev. A. F. White) has called for his withdrawal from the choir. There being no reason why a man sinned against should not sing in a church, the choir must stand by their doubly injured colleague, and teach their officious vicar a lesson.

The Human Machine

"Having a Go"

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

IN a recent speech the Prince of Wales advocated the cultivation of the spirit of "having a go!" He gave the nation some very sound advice in those words.

Despair never yet won a battle. No one ever yet achieved anything by letting circumstances overwhelm them or by sitting down to the buffets of fate.

The man who "gets there" is the man who is always ready to have a go, always "willing to try anything once."

It is the adventurous spirit that finds the way out of difficulties and carves through the obstacles it cannot evade.

You never know what you can do until you try. The most wonderful thing about the human spirit is the apparently inexhaustible fund of energy and determination that is always there waiting to be tapped.

THE Prince of Wales was putting his finger on the spot when he urged us to "have a go!" Half the world's troubles are caused by people sitting down and waiting for someone to come along and help them out of the mess.

They could help themselves if they would. They could be "up and doing, with a heart for any fate"—and by the very act of doing something they would cause courage to well up in their hearts.

Hamlet said that it was conscience that made cowards of us all. He would have been equally right if he had said "inactivity."

The race is not always to the swift; it is certainly always to the undaunted trier.

Poor Old Chap.

After twenty-five years of Army service, and after being a hero in the South African as well as the late war, Thomas Edward Fitzgerald died in Liwynypia Hospital and was buried in a pauper's grave. Now his body is to be exhumed and reburied with military honours. How much better if a grateful country had done something for him while he was alive!

It's Value that's Wanted.

A system of real education is vital to ensure the future of the nation. Great would be the cost, no doubt, but few would complain about the expense if the country got full value for the money spent. That, the Archbishop of Wales suggests, is the last thing thought about by the officials of the Board of Education. A bull's-eye for the Archbishop.

Old-fashioned, but Best.

Having lost his job as secretary of the Liverpool Unemployed Distress Committee, William Henry Pitman, of Benson Street, soon made another for himself. He started another "society." Now he has been given the choice of paying £25 or spending three months as a guest of the governor of Kirkdale jail for attempting to collect charitable contributions by a fraudulent pretence. Honesty may be old-fashioned, but it still pays best.

Workers with a Will.

Six village workers, with a wheelwright leader, at Babraham, to fill in their winter nights formed a part-time business with a capital of £10. They worked on local jobs, and made goods and furniture. At the end of three months, with their capital repaid and their stock sold, they find that they have a substantial sum for distribution. Helping themselves they have provided for others an object lesson.

Black Ingratitude.

At one time Wilfred Lawton Pollitt had £1,000 a year post at Sarawak. Coming down in the world he landed in Glasgow hospital, where a woman visitor, learning that he was friendless, took pity on him. This good Samaritan took him to her home for a visit, when he promptly stole her rent and decamped with it. For this and similar frauds he has gone to prison, but he can't undo the evil wrought. That lies in destroying a good woman's faith in human nature.

Gallant Comrades.

It is good to realise that in the matter of individual bravery there is little to choose between the nations. When the seaplane, *Fairey 3 D*, came to grief in the Irish Sea, the French trawler *Louise Marguerite*, hastened to the rescue. In spite of the heavy seas, two of the seamen put off in a small boat and saved the three naval airmen, though not before one of the sailors had fractured several ribs. The *entente* is not likely to die while such heroes live.

The Mighty Mite.

The M.P. for the borough of Southend, Lord Elveden, subscribed £20,000 to the fund for the new hospital. Yet even he must acknowledge that, by comparison, a widow who lives in a furnished room in a poor street gave more. Mrs. Bacon, of Stanley Road, aged seventy, sent the mayor £500 in cash for the same cause. May her remaining days be sweetened by the realisation of the good that must accrue from so noble a sacrifice as hers!

Fruit of Experience.

Delegates to the annual council of the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship have discussed birth control. They thank Lord Buckmaster "for his intention to move in the House of Lords a resolution asking the Government to withdraw all instructions given to, or conditions imposed on, welfare committees to withhold from married women in their districts information as to the best means of limiting their families." It is the women who know what suffering such conditions impose.

Pensioner's Plight.

An old-age pensioner in the Royal borough of Kensington has been explaining how he contrives to exist on his 10s. a week. His whole expenditure on food amounts to 5s. 10d., while the rent of a room accounts for 3s. 4d., leaving a balance of 10d. for other necessities. "I have no convenience for a fire," he says, "and cannot afford any coal." Well may he wonder if he has committed a crime in living to be seventy-nine!

Criminal Carelessness.

At the North London Police Court the other day, Messrs. C. Smith and Son, a Clapton firm of wallpaper-manufacturers, were substantially fined for employing several young people without the proper certificates of medical fitness, and for working girls under sixteen beyond the hours allowed by law. It is about time employers knew that child-slavery has been abolished in Britain. The sharper the penalty the better.

A Coward Soldier.

Returning home at 10 p.m., Phyllis Hill, a young servant, of Bisley, was caught behind by Sergeant Wilfred Marshall, of the 2nd Scots Guards, dragged across to the common and assaulted. Woking magistrates, in sentencing the fellow to three months' hard labour, criticised the regiment for sending an officer to testify to his "character." And we think the two civilians to whom the poor lass called in vain were less than men.

Fools and their Money.

Many foolish women in Yorkshire have been buying from John Harker and George Henry Wray, of Leeds, a marvellous "secret ingredient," and for three-quarters of an ounce paid half-a-crown. The preparation "acted on the single strands of hair, producing rippling masses of waving curls." Analysed the "secret ingredient" is found to be only commercial borax, which can be purchased at 6d. per pound. Some women and their money are easily parted.

A Crying Evil.

When George Perkins, a local gardener, was convicted by the Aldershot magistrates of a disgusting offence against an eight-year-old child, the chairman seemed to regret that he could not pass a heavier sentence than six months' hard labour. The defect is in the law which permits these revolting crimes to be summarily dealt with. The neglect of Parliament to redress this crying evil is beyond explanation or excuse.

Nottingham's New "Industry."

Nottingham seems to be overrun at the moment with people who specialise in purchasing old false teeth. The leading lights in this "industry" are four brothers named Woodward, who are operating from a variety of addresses throughout the city. We have already commented upon the methods of false-teeth dealers, who advertise misleading prices, but pay paltry sums. So, to avoid disappointment, ignore all "old teeth" advertisements.

Horrible Mockery.

So long as we draw breath we will continue to protest against the hideous farce of the passing of the death sentence upon those who, by no conceivable chance, will ever be hanged. It is a blasphemous mockery. Here we are referring specially to the case of Evelyn Spreadbury, the girl-mother, who was convicted of the murder of her child. A recommendation to mercy should automatically carry a postponement of the dread sentence till the King's will be known.

Buying a Bridegroom.

While the ceremony was taking place in the Bloomsbury Register Office, though fortunately before the knot was actually tied, the police arrested Andrea Petitjean, an alien, for making false statements to an immigration officer. The groom confessed he did not know the woman, who was recommended for deportation. A marriage of convenience, the motive for which is clear. Any man who lends himself to such an arrangement for the purpose of enabling another to ply an unlawful calling should himself be liable to prosecution.

Pepper Shoots the Moon.

Our old friend H. W. Pepper gets notter and hotter. He has now abandoned his office at 19, Villiers Street, Strand, W.C., where he had been operating as The West End Catering Company, and is maintaining a discreet silence. The reason for his silence will be apparent to everyone when we say that his departure was a hurried one, and that he left without paying the rent, taking with him certain keys to which he is not entitled.

Fat Profits on a "Thin" Guarantee.

Winifred Grace Hartland, of Diamond House, Hatton Garden, London, E.C.1, offers her "System of Safe Fat Reduction" for £2. She must be making fat profits by making others thin, but we would not advise portly people to rush for her treatment. Her guarantee of money back if you have not lost weight in thirty days doesn't carry much weight with us, for it simply means that if a client only loses a few ounces Winifred is entitled to "win" the fee.

The Pot and the Kettle.

The Guildford Trust, Ltd., of 29, Duke Street, W., has just issued a pamphlet entitled "A Word with Ladies and Gentlemen concerning Moneylenders," in which it tells the public what wicked people moneylenders are. But, lest you should think the Guildford Trust to be an anti-Shylock league, we hasten to assure you that it is nothing more than a cloak for a very notorious moneylender named J. Harris, who offers to lend £10,000 immediately "without security." The subscribed capital of the trust is £2,100, so his offer is extravagant in every sense of the word.

Artists in Arrogance.

J. K. and M. Leighton, of 45, Evington Street, Leicester, describe themselves as "Professional Artists," and they certainly seem to be artists in arrogance and impudence. When a Leicester reader demanded the return of a photograph which they had obtained from his wife, it was sent back in an envelope that was insufficiently stamped. Our reader had to pay excess postage, and when he examined the photograph he discovered that an impudent comment, of questionable taste, had been scrawled upon it in ink. That is what may be expected from doorstep touts.

Jillard's Generosity.

F. E. Jillard, of the British Postal Trading Agency, 15, Mercer's Road, London, N.19, may strike some people as being a very generous man. For 3s. 6d. he offers to send "a complete outfit" that will enable anyone to earn £5 weekly in their spare time "by simply writing a few letters." We think that the Press should exclude advertisements of "home employment" mongers from their columns. Their misleading announcements are calculated to raise false hopes in the hearts of job-seekers, and it is clear, from their ever-increasing numbers, that they are reaping a rich harvest.

A Bad Bargain.

A gentleman who resides at Newark-on-Trent was attracted by an advertisement which offered a second-hand bicycle and camera for sale, at bargain prices. He despatched 45s. by registered post to the advertiser, Mr. J. Bennett, 16, Union Square, S.E.1, but received nothing in return. He sought our advice and we wrote to Mr. Bennett requesting him to give us his version of the matter. As our letter has been returned, marked "Gone away," we can only conclude that the Newark-on-Trent gentleman has made a bad bargain. Others should be warned never to send money in advance when they are dealing with strangers.

Beware of the Pencil Trick

and other tricks in racing to catch the unwary. Get The "'John Bull' A.B.C. of Racing," price 6d. just out—"The Guide that puts you wise."

Problems of Life

Is a Simpler Life Possible?

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

A PROFESSOR in a famous American seminary wrote some time ago: "Can we be sure that the complex artificial arrangements which compel us to be ever scheming for the future are the most favourable to the true purposes of life?

Dr. R. J. Campbell

"May it not be that we have wandered off the right track, and that the East has in some respects been wiser than the West? There are not a few thinkers in our time who are willing to acknowledge that this may be so. They believe that our civilisation needs to be simplified."

This is the statement of a misgiving which haunts many minds in our own and other countries in this bustling, troubled age.

Coming from America, where the rush of life is more intensely felt than here, and the pressure on brain and nerve correspondingly greater, it shows that overstrained human nature is beginning to protest against the monster it has itself created.

I AM no believer in the good old times—they were hard old times for the under-dog: in many respects they were cruel old times—but we are greatly deceived if we imagine that all change is for the better, and that we have effected an all-round improvement on the ways of our fathers.

We have speeded things up generally and ourselves with them, but the breathless pace at which we move has robbed us of balance and calm.

Worry and care seem to be increased, not lessened, by our multifarious contrivances for adding to comfort.

It is because they see this that Orientals like Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore desire to keep clear of Western civilisation and develop something better and simpler of their own.

The great Russian thinker, Tolstoi, held a similar view and believed that we should lessen our wants, and that every man should do something in the way of manual labour as a means of earning his bread.

INDUSTRIALISM is no great blessing, because it tends to reduce men to machines, and to cause periodical stagnation of energy.

A writer in the *Hibbert Journal* a year ago pointed out that there was no radical cure for unemployment except that of enabling people to make for themselves the things they need and cannot buy.

But this means getting back to digging, spinning and carpentering, which is only another way of saying a return to simpler modes of life for all of us.

May it begin soon

CRUSHING A BROKEN MAN

A SCANDAL OF SEVEN YEARS

Cripple Cruelly Tortured

IT has been our painful duty to investigate many cases of scandalous treatment meted out to ex-soldiers in the late war, but rarely one so shocking as that of Mr. Albert Burton, who, with his wife and seven of their eight children, ekes out a miserable existence in a two-roomed hovel called No. 5, Waterloo Buildings, Wellingborough.

In the pouring rain, Pte. Burton of the 5th Northamptonshires, in full pack, was trudging along on his way to the base, after night work in the trenches, when he slipped and fell into a dyke.

His pelvis was broken and his right hip was dislocated to such an extent that the leg was shortened by 1½ inches. This happened in August, 1915, near Armentières.

Not until nearly seven years later an operation was performed, which, had it been timely, might have saved the joint.

Instead of receiving such prompt attention, Burton was allowed to hobble about and was shunted from pillar to post, first in one hospital, then in another, with the result that he is crippled for life and must wear heavy leg-irons.

A saddening sight

Burton has had a dozen medical boards, and that his appeals against their awards have been justifiable is testified by the fact that on two occasions his pension was raised—once from 25 to 100 per cent.; but last time, two years ago, he was awarded the final pittance of 8s. per week.

Workless and "doleless," Burton was told that he could not appeal against the final award, but that he could apply for medical treatment at any time. But what is the use of treatment for an injury which doctors have acknowledged as permanent and incurable?

Certainly, it can't help to feed seven hungry mouths, and this is Burton's main concern. He lives for his wife and children only.

A boot and shoe operative before the war, this man had also experience as a builder's labourer. If he has tried once, he has tried a dozen times—and successfully too—to get work at his old jobs.

But he can't hold the jobs he gets, because his injury makes him prone to fall on the machines at which he has to work, and on two occasions his arm was injured in consequence.

His deformed hip is a ghastly sight, paralleled only by the sound of the snapping muscles when he attempts to walk or puts any weight on the injured limb.

The parents' dread

When our Special Commissioner paid the family a surprise visit, he found six little pairs of boots, only one of which was without holes, and there was one pair of feet without any boots at all.

Mrs. Burton was supplied by us with means to remedy the most urgent of these deficiencies, but such necessaries are mere details compared with the general problem of setting this family on its feet.

Illness has harried them incessantly, simply because all these young lives have no alternative to being herded together in one room, downstairs by day and upstairs by night.

Albert, age nine, has spent several months in a sanatorium, and the harassed, careworn parents are fearful lest his dread symptoms may later be revealed in the others, whose ages range from thirteen down to eleven months.

The bedroom furniture, which has to accommodate nine, comprises two iron bedsteads and two cots. There are practically no bedding, sheets or blankets, and no copper in which to wash the few rags there are.

Two things are wanted to lift this family from the abyss into which the war has precipitated them.

First and foremost, a sedentary job, for which Burton is qualified: he has had a general training in leather work and we have testimony of his ability to make suit-cases, attaché cases, purses and such things.

The other requirement is a thorough medical examination by an independent specialist, so that when his pension award falls due to be revised, as it will shortly, there need be no further questions over his deplorable condition.

Another distressing side to this sad story is that Burton is not the father of the eldest child, Ivy, thirteen, who is a little mother to the others and a veritable godsend.

The father of this child, for whom the mother receives no pension, was a soldier who deserted after making arrangements for the marriage. He was killed, and the mother, Violet May Eales, as she then was, married Albert Burton.

Of the family budget of 8s. per week, supplemented occasionally by odd jobs, such as chopping firewood and too meagre Poor Law relief in kind, more than half goes in rent.

A crying disgrace

If ever a man was up against a brick wall, it is Burton, and that he, so crippled in the service of his country, should be in such sire poverty is a crying disgrace.

May our visit to Waterloo Buildings be the means of bringing some light into the darkness in which he is entombed.

Auction-room Sharks

How to Deal with Them

WE still await legislation to curb the activities of the mock auctioneers, who, after a temporary lull, are very busy again.

Their increasing numbers and the fact that they are able to pay high rents for their "sale-rooms" shows how profitable their game is.

Countless people have been lured into these bogus auction-rooms, and have had paltry goods foisted off on them.

In the absence of protection by law, they will be glad to learn that it is sometimes possible to obtain some redress from these arrant thieves.

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In this connection we would direct attention to the experience of an officer of the Indian army, who was home on leave. Chancing to pass down Coventry Street, Piccadilly, he was attracted by a placard over a shop, which announced that "a compu'sory sale" was being conducted "for one week only" by auctioneers named Wilson and Wilson.

Having got inside, the officer was encouraged by being presented with a pipe and a fountain-pen, for which he was charged only 4d.

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A gold watch was next produced and offered at "far less than value," but before making any attempt at sale the auctioneer asked if the officer would like a case of cutlery, which he indicated.

The officer said that he would, whereupon the auctioneer produced another case, saying that it was a "Wembley Exhibit."

The ultimate result was that the unfortunate victim was induced to hand over a cheque for £100, which he was particularly asked to make payable to "Arthur and Arthur." When the cases of cutlery arrived at his address, he found that they were of inferior quality.

He at once took the goods to a well-known jeweller, who valued the large case of cutlery at about £30.

Realising that he had been swindled, the officer got into touch with the secretary of the Incorporated Society of Auctioneers, and together they paid a visit to the auction-room.

After a lengthy interview, "Wilson and Wilson" agreed to refund the officer's money, less "sale commission," on condition that he brought the goods back, and in due course he received a refund of £85.

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We suggest to other victims that they try to obtain redress in the same way.

These sharks rely upon their victims keeping silent through the fear of being thought "greenhorns," but if dissatisfied clients make a stand they may be as fortunate as the officer who reduced his loss by 85 per cent.

A Bankrupt Baronet

Bahama Bunkum

A NUMBER of people have been badly victimised during the last few months by a concern called The Bahamas International Trading Company, Ltd., of Regent Street, S.W., and many of them are dupes who have already been "let down" by other speculative schemes.

The most scandalous part of the whole affair is that these unfortunate people appear to have no redress in their plight, owing to the hopeless state of the company law.

Apart from the bait set in tempting circulars, many dupes have been roped into this Bahamas venture through the medium of personal visits from touring representatives of a concern known as The Bahamas Trust, housed at the same address.

Alluring tales

In one provincial town these touts induced large numbers of people to invest money by flourishing a cheque which they had contrived to obtain from one of the leading citizens. The fact that such a noteworthy individual had subscribed, created the illusion that the scheme must be perfectly sound.

This Bahamas proposition concerned the shipping of liquor to the United States, and was similar in many respects to the notorious schemes run by the "boot-legging baronet," Sir Broderick Hartwell.

It is not surprising, therefore, to learn that Sir Broderick frequently gave his backing to the Bahamas scheme, when prospective dupes were referred to him for his "advice."

It is scandalous that this baronet, whose own victims are legion, should have been instrumental in landing a host of unsuspecting people into the Bahamas net.

So alluring were the prospects held out that some poor people, who had no ready money, actually converted valuable securities into shares in the Bahamas International Trading Company.

Then, a few weeks ago, this wonderful company informed its clients that, as all the shares had been disposed of, the London office was being closed, and all future correspondence should be addressed to the headquarters of the undertaking *at Nassau!*

A bad lookout

This sudden closing of the London office of the Bahamas International Trading Company, Ltd., must fill the unfortunate investors with misgiving, and their confidence will be further shaken by the sinister fact that Sir Broderick Hartwell has just gone bankrupt with unsecured liabilities amounting to over £230,000!

We think that the affairs of the Bahamas International Trading Company, Ltd., should be officially investigated without delay, for it seems very doubtful whether the unlucky shareholders will ever secure any return for the money which they have poured into its coffers.

Birds of a Feather

An Artful Couple

A GENTLEMAN named C. Andersson seems to be carrying on a remarkable business in the name of "The Uwantus Trading Co.," General Merchants and Contractors, 123, High Street, Notting Hill Gate, W.

One of his occupations is to get into touch with people who think they have marketable ideas and promise to find them financial backing; but he seems to have a great number of irons in the fire.

Quite recently he has been making some endeavour to induce people to deposit amounts varying from £50 to £150 as security in return for employment.

Uwantus not wanted

Some people might be willing to hand their money over without a murmur and trust to Mr. Andersson's integrity, but a gentleman who was more cautious decided to call at 123, High Street, Notting Hill Gate, before committing himself.

After his visit he decided that he did not want the Uwantus Trading Co., whose offices he found to consist of rooms situated over a greengrocer's shop.

And when we have given a few more interesting particulars about this concern, we feel sure that others will not want it either.

We do not know who Mr. Andersson is, but so far as his business integrity is concerned, there have been several complaints from people who have had dealings with him, and we have seen at least one dishonoured cheque which bears his signature.

But lest it should be imagined that we are hasty in condemning Mr. Andersson, let us say that we are able to produce far more concrete reasons why the public should be wary in dealing with him.

Our readers will remember that we recently had occasion to criticise a gentleman named Percy Swinford Harrison, who was trading as British Distributors, 9-10, Savoy Street, Strand, and who, like Mr. Andersson, was inviting deposits in return for situations.

"*Birds of a feather—*"

The old remark about "Birds of a feather—" fits very aptly in this instance, for we find that Andersson and Harrison have had more than one thing in common and that the former has actually spent quite a lot of his time at the office of the British Distributors.

This coupling of Andersson's name and activities with Harrison's should be enough to impress the public with the necessity for proceeding with caution should they contemplate answering Andersson's advertisements, which are moulded on Harrison's model.

Harrison, by the way, has decided that he needs a change, and has blossomed out as The British Associated Trading Co., at Non-Co nbine House, two doors away from his old office.

ARISTOCRATIC DRUG-FIEND

SINISTER SCION OF NOBLE HOUSE

Scenes that Horrified Police

A SINISTER figure in the West End of London, who leads an evil and erotic life, would appear to merit immediate police attention. His name is George Granville Hope Johnstone, and he is extremely well-connected and of independent means.

Johnstone is a drug-fiend, who obtains his supplies from various sources.

Sometimes he is to be seen in the East End of London, where he has secret means of obtaining small quantities of drugs; but lately he has been getting dope with the aid of forged medical prescriptions.

One chemist, at least, has already got into very serious trouble through Johnstone's roguery in inducing him to supply drugs in contravention of the law.

For this offence alone Johnstone deserves to be apprehended, but there are many other reasons why the police should devote especial attention to his activities.

A scene of shame

Not the least of these is the fact that he has already been bound over for a very serious offence, and the period of his probation has not yet expired.

Some time ago Johnstone occupied a swagger flat in Jermyn Street, and his appearance in court was the result of a song "party" which took place there.

One of Mr. Hope Johnstone's closest friends is a man named Julian Pinder. He is just over thirty years of age, and more than ten years the junior of the erotic Johnstone.

Having obtained information concerning Johnstone's behaviour, the police decided to pay a surprise visit to his Jermyn Street flat, where he was living with Pinder.

They were horrified with what they saw. Both men, together with a woman who was much younger than either of them, were participating in a wild drug scene.

Pinder was practically unconscious through being saturated with drugs, while the woman was almost mad with hysteria through the same cause. Johnstone, however, the hardened drug-fiend, was less visibly affected, and seemed to be revelling in his queer pleasure.

George Granville Hope Johnstone

All three were arrested, and charged with being in unlawful possession of drugs.

Some idea of the awful extent in which Johnstone had got Pinder and the woman into his power may be gauged from the fact that both were in such a terrible condition on the following day that they had to be carried into the police court!

The superb drug-fiend

Pinder, his mouth twitching, had to be supported while the proceedings were being heard, lest he should collapse in the dock.

The woman, whose name was Marjorie Hatton, was nearly as bad; but Johnstone the insatiable, the real scoundrel, was quite at ease, though pale and dissipated.

After he and his two young associates had been remanded in custody he and the woman were simply bound over, while Pinder was sentenced to three months in the second division.

Apparently, Johnstone's influence over Pinder did not cease after the Jermyn Street affair. They took another flat in Swallow Street, Piccadilly, and here Johnstone secured another victim—a young man of twenty-two, named David Gagon.

David Gagon was described as the editor of a sporting paper entitled *David's Football Special*. A football lottery which he ran in connection with this paper resulted in much dissatisfaction from entrants who never received their winnings.

Gagon was arrested with Pinder and Johnstone for being concerned together in keeping a betting-house.

A danger to society

Thus, Johnstone once again stood in the dock with a victim on each side. The two older men were fined, while Gagon, who was obviously a tool in the hands of Johnstone, was discharged. But as this was a clear case where Johnstone had broken his probation, why was he not jailed?

Lately he has been obtaining drugs and still indulging in the strange pleasures he derives from them.

Pinder, the inseparable associate of Johnstone, is still imbued with the drug craze, and is likely to remain so, as we find that, in another name, he recently fell into the hands of the Folkestone police. He was sent to jail for three months for obtaining a supply of heroin unlawfully.

But what of Johnstone? He is at large. He is defying the law, and degrading himself and everyone who associates with him. Why is he not brought to book?

The Dodger Lodger

His Mysterious Mail

ON December 31 last year, a gentleman called at 21, Great Russell Street, London, W.C.1, and engaged a room, paying a week's rent in advance and tendering a reference which seemed satisfactory.

He was rather a mysterious gentleman. Every day the post would bring him from twenty to thirty letters from various parts of the provinces, but he did not appear to indulge in any active business.

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After a time, the gentleman, whose name was G. J. Cartwright, asked his landlady if he could take another "office." He hinted that he had a "warehouse" on the other side of London.

The landlady agreed to let other premises to him, and he arranged to inspect them on February 5.

On the 4th, however, Cartwright went out and never returned. About sixty letters arrived for him after his departure, and these were ultimately returned to the post office. Meanwhile, investigation proved the reference which he had tendered to be a forgery.

Now we are able to throw more than a little light upon G. J. Cartwright, whose arrival, residence and departure were wrapped in so much mystery.

We are, in fact, able to state why he came to Great Russell Street, how he spent his time there, and why he departed so suddenly.

He evidently came to Great Russell Street because it is an address which sounds well on letter-paper so long as the fact is not disclosed that only a single room is rented.

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G. J. Cartwright had some very businesslike letter-paper printed, describing himself as "wholesale warehouseman" for "drapery, hosiery, haberdashery, smallware and fancy goods"

In one corner of this paper he was careful to print a telephone number, but equally careful to omit the fact that it was his landlady's telephone.

Having circulated catalogues of draperies, etc., Cartwright simply sat in his one room and opened his twenty to thirty letters daily, extracted the postal orders or cheques which they contained, and told himself what a wonderful world it was to live in.

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When the letters began to contain complaints instead of cheques, Cartwright began to think about "another office," and so his sudden departure is explained.

One poor woman in Sunderland who sent £2 7s. 7½d. is still waiting for her goods, and we are afraid that she is only one of many.

We think it is up to the police to see that Cartwright does not have the opportunity of establishing himself in "another office."

A WICKED PRINCE CHARMING

LOTHARIO OF WORMWOOD SCRUBBS

Thoroughly Bad Thoroughgood

A GENTLEMAN named W. W. Thoroughgood, of Hornsey Park Road, Wood Green, would appear to be thoroughly bad, and this probably explains why he usually prefers to pass under another name.

In the early part of last year, in the name of W. K. Barnard, he was telling wonderful stories of a "brother" who was interested in rubber in Malay.

To a chance-met acquaintance he related how this brother had made a wonderful discovery, unknown to his employers, which would raise the value of his company's shares 100 per cent.

Barnard said he was anxious to secure some of these shares, and generously offered to let his newly made friend "come in" with him. The friend "came in" to the extent of £500, and waited patiently for his share certificate.

It was not forthcoming, however, and some time later, when he pressed Barnard for an explanation, the latter was ready with an elaborate excuse. He said that his brother had written to say that the owner of an adjoining estate had just retired, having amassed a great fortune.

A calm rejoinder

Barnard suggested that his friend should join his brother and himself in forming a new company to exploit this wonderful estate which had apparently been abandoned for the first comer to snap up.

Acting on this suggestion, the friend parted with an additional £275, thereby bringing the amount of his liability up to £775. He was given a rough receipt for this total figure, typewritten upon a half sheet of paper.

This receipt stated that the £775 was "a first instalment of a sum of £1,850." And the amount of £1,850 was said to represent a third share in a company "now being formed."

The subscriber now began to feel uneasy, and being far from satisfied with this receipt, kept on pressing for his share certificate.

Barnard clamly told him that he, too, was dissatisfied with the rubber scheme, but he proposed to erect a garage on a site he was purchasing, and thought of starting a road transport contracting business.

Contemptible conduct

Barnard actually took offices at 8, Tudor Chambers, Station Road, Wood Green, N.22, and made some attempt to establish a business there.

But whether he made any headway or not, the £775 subscriber received no return whatever for his money, and, being unable to bear the expense of legal proceedings, was at a loss to know how to seek redress.

Then, towards the end of last year, Barnard landed himself into serious trouble. He was brought up before Sir William Rice at Wood Green Town Hall, charged with stealing a girl's bicycle, and with obtaining £4 18s. by means of a worthless cheque at a shop in Harringay.

Evidence showed that the girl whose bicycle he had stolen had also been "chance met" and, although he was a married man, Barnard had been pressing his attentions upon her.

Having borrowed her bicycle with the promise to return it in a day or two this rascal straightway converted it into cash by pawning it.

In the case of the worthless cheque, his dupe was a shopkeeper with whom he had dealt for three years. It was signed in his real name of W. W. Thoroughgood, and was returned by the bank "R.D." In court, he declared that "Thoroughgood" was a name he used "for business purposes."

It is interesting to note that it is also the same which appears on his marriage certificate, and this document explains where he got two of his aliases, "Barnard" and "Taylor," these being his wife's names!

Sir William Rice expressed his contempt for the conduct of this "plausible scoundrel" and sentenced him to two months' hard labour.

Barnard went to Wormwood Scrubbs, and whilst within prison confines he wrote the most amazing letters to friends in the outer world, vowing repentance, and giving his earnest assurance that he intended to turn over a new leaf.

We doubt very much whether he has kept these vows. In the course of his criminal career, he has added the part of Don Juan to his many rôles, and at least four women deeply regret the day they first came under his fascinating but deadly spell.

The scandalous part is that in his amorous adventures he uses his lawful wife's name, and poses as a single man.

Sinister influence

In one instance he obtained a young girl's life savings amounting to £40 or £50, by leading her to believe that his intentions were honourable, and that his promise to marry her would be fulfilled.

Even now he is pursuing a girl whom he has treated shockingly, but over whom he exercises such a sinister influence that she cannot break away from him.

We shall believe in his repentance and reformation when he ceases to persecute and deceive innocent girls and when he starts to make amends to the various people whom he has wronged in the past.

Girl's Awful Ordeal

Hard hearted Magistrates

A WEEK or so ago a young girl of sixteen, named Gladys Souter, of Reading, was arrested on a charge of obtaining articles of clothing by false pretences from local shopkeepers on credit. Her father went bail for her and both he and the girl's mother kept close watch over her.

It was clear that the suspense was playing upon the girl's nerves, and on the eve of the trial she escaped from her bedroom and ran away. She was apprehended, however, and brought up before the Reading Bench.

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Evidently the magistrates thought that here was a case which called for the utmost severity, for they ordered the prisoner to be remanded in custody for seven days.

The girl's mother was heartbroken when this harsh decision was announced. "Don't keep her in prison!" she pleaded tearfully. "Cannot the Salvation Army look after her?"

But this appeal fell upon deaf ears, for the magistrates did not even deign to offer a reply. In the same way, an appeal for a renewal of bail was ignored.

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The magistrates were also reminded that it would be a terrible ordeal for for this sixteen-year-old girl to have to remain in jail for a week, and cruel injustice should there be no conviction. But the magistrates were adamant, and after this period of enforced incarceration had expired, Gladys was brought up again and found guilty.

But she is only sixteen, and, in view of this, the local shopkeepers seem to have exercised a scandalous lack of care in supplying her with goods on credit in the most casual manner.

As Mr. E. D. Berry, speaking for her defence, pointed out, "It was the ease and facility offered to her to obtain the goods that made her go on this downward course."

Even the magistrates agreed with this, and, in giving their decision, condemned the carelessness which had been shown amongst the traders.

In the end, as the girl had been under remand in Holloway Prison for a week (and as her father would make restitution), it was urged on her behalf that she be dealt with under the Probation of Offenders Act.

After all, was not one week in jail sufficient punishment for a first offender?

Apparently not. The girl has now been ordered into a home for two years. In the opinion of many of our readers, the Reading magistrates could have found a better way of dealing with this case than they did.

A Miserly Ministry

Funeral Grant Refused

EARLY in the year, the young widow of a war hero received a communication from the Ministry of Pensions, informing her that the balance of pension due to the estate of her late husband, which amounted to £6, would be completely swallowed up by funeral expenses.

She at once wrote to ask whether she would not be entitled to a funeral grant, and, in due course received a coldly formal reply.

"I am to inform you that the medical advisers of the Ministry are unable to accept the primary cause of death as being due to military service," ran the letter, "and it is regretted that, in these circumstances, payment of a funeral grant cannot be authorised."

Apparently, the Ministry of Pensions based its decision on the death certificate, which attributes the man's death to "chronic tuberculosis, accelerated by gunshot wounds in the shoulder, received in the war," and, in so doing, it appears to have overlooked many things.

A life of misery

In the first place, the deceased soldier in question, Mr. F. W. Bettles, joined the Army in 1914 as A1, and saw service in Malta, Egypt, the Dardanelles and France. In France he was very severely wounded, and was finally taken prisoner by the Germans.

Whilst still in the hands of the enemy he was operated upon, and when he was repatriated a year or so later, he underwent several more operations. He was finally discharged in 1919.

From the time of his discharge, Bettles led a life of misery as the direct result of his terrible experiences. But it was not until 1923 that the Ministry of Pensions took cognisance of his case.

In a letter dated April 6 of that year, Bettles' disability is definitely stated by the Ministry to be "Gunshot wounds right shoulder . . . due to service," and in the same month he was awarded a pension of 28s. a week.

Denial of justice

In February, 1924, as a result of re-examination, the Ministry decided to continue this pension, and in February, 1925, in a letter signed "C. F. Moss," for Director-General of Awards, Bettles received notification of his final award.

This assessed his disablement as "70 per cent. disability in respect of gunshot wounds right shoulder," and granted him a pension for life.

No mention is made of tuberculosis except on the death certificate, and Dr. W. J. Robertson, of 69, Bedford Road, Clapham, S.W.4, states that he knew Bettles as a patient for many years and never attended him for any form of tuberculosis.

In these circumstances, it would seem that this war hero's death was most certainly the result of his war services, and to deny his widow funeral expenses seems most unjust.

A Reign of Joy

Results of an Angel's Gifts

THREE weeks ago—ill and starving, destitute of clothing and the most meagre comforts of life, and almost without hope—a young couple sat by their fireless grate, their anxious eyes gazing piteously on the sleeping form of their tiny offspring, a frail scrap of humanity who seemed to be wasting with every passing minute.

And then an angel came, an earthly one with a heart as big as the universe itself, and a new lease of life was given to Albert Goodall, his girl wife and baby.

We have already told how the publication in this journal of their pitiable circumstances touched the heart of some unknown lady living in the south-west district of London and prompted her to send us £100 to be devoted to their benefit.

Steps were at once taken to alleviate their sufferings and to-day joy reigns supreme in their one-roomed home at Middlesex Wharf on the banks of the River Lea.

Hope's happiness

And what a bustle of excitement! A well-stocked larder, a new outfit of clothes for all, bright smiling faces flushed with returning health and hope for the future, prospects of work and a new home amidst the green fields of the countryside—what a transformation it was!

And that is not all. For the first time in their young lives they are to be whirled away to the coast, and over on the steamer to the Isle of Wight—to a holiday of happiness and sunshine.

While they are away, arrangements are being made for the boy father to enter a well-known motor firm, whose works are in the country—away from the squalor and smoke of London.

May it be the first step on the ladder to fame!

There is happiness, too, in another humble home. Our readers will remember that pathetic document to "Humanist" of the nurse who, after years of suffering and drug-taking, had conquered the morphine habit, only to find herself ruined physically and financially.

Dazed by kindness

The same angel sent us £100 to assist this poor lady who, doomed to a life of pain and inactivity, exists on £1 a week that is allowed her by the parish.

She, too, is being sent away for a holiday to the East Coast—to a place where many a time she has gone to recuperate after her several operations.

Overwhelmed by the action of her unknown benefactress she yet has thoughts for others in distress, and again has asked us to give her present to someone more deserving.

She has only two thoughts—one that she may meet and thank the selfless lady who has come to her aid, the other that she may be informed of the progress of her brother and sister in distress.

THE BIG NAME GAME

THE TITLED DIRECTOR SCANDAL

Misguided Celebrities

WE have constantly deplored the casual manner in which many titled and influential people lend their names to hazardous business ventures through which countless subscribers are robbed of their life savings.

In one case a ballot was run by two women, and to this day no adequate account has been rendered of the amount collected.

The ballot failed with heavy liabilities, and little of the money—collected from people who thought they were going to win a handsome motor-car—ever reached the charitable object for which it was raised.

Some very important people were amongst those who favoured this venture with their patronage. There were, for instance, Viscountess French, Lt.-Gen. Sir E. C. Bethune, K.C.B., Lady Maud Warrender, Viscountess Curzon and Lady Ethel Baird.

All these names naturally led the public to feel that the venture must be a sound one. But the public was badly let down, and, when the trouble came, the titled people gracefully retired.

Budding artistes

In another case a league was formed to assist young British artistes to find their way to the London concert platform. The league relied for its income upon subscriptions obtained from unknown artistes who wished to become famous. Many paid, but there the matter ended.

Here, again, was a very imposing array of famous names, which included the Duchess of Rutland, Lord Sackville, Sir John Martin-Harvey, Miss Ellen Terry, Lady Lee Warner and, among others, Dame Nellie Melba.

In view of the large number of financial catastrophes where famous names have been used—and often misused—we urge all such people to make the fullest enquiries before they grant permission for their names to be placed on prospectuses.

A gentleman who seems to require some very severe castigation for using a famous name is Mr. F. C. A. Harrington, of the Harrington Standardised Typewriter Co., Ltd.

Noble lord's part

A month or two ago Mr. Harrington figured in these columns in connection with his company's treatment of a young man and wife who had been induced to invest £500 in return for a job, and who, as a direct result, were stranded in India.

They had been sent out to take up a branch agency of the company, and were left without a friend, without a penny, and with their £500 irretrievably lost.

We protested strongly against the conduct of Mr. Harrington and his co-director, Mr. Harry Grigg (who had already run a similar £40,000 ramp, called Grigg, Ltd.), and also expressed our surprise that Lord Rotherham should have lent his name to their venture, which ultimately failed with a total deficiency of over £30,000.

Lord Rotherham, before his elevation to the peerage, was renowned as Sir William Holland, and he has held some very high posts. He has been a member of the Advisory Committee of the Board of Trade upon Commercial Intelligence, and of the Joint Stock Companies Committee, 1905.

A few days ago Harrington was called to account by the senior Official Receiver, Mr. A. T. Burgess, with regard to the methods adopted by him and Mr. Grigg.

In reply to direct questions he admitted that he obtained Lord Rotherham's name simply to "strengthen the board." He was to receive no salary, and *knew nothing of the company's affairs.*

Mr. Burgess also referred to several cases where people invested money on the understanding that they were to receive appointments, and he commented particularly upon the plight of the couple sent to India.

In fact, he asked the very question which we ourselves asked in John Bull some time ago—namely, Was it a fair thing to take £500 from these people and to send them to India at a time when the company *had not even started to manufacture typewriters?*

Harrington avoided this question but later declared that the gentleman who had gone to India had represented people other than the company, and it followed that he had other interests in India.

Asked if he was sure of this, Harrington transferred the onus of proof upon Mr. Grigg by saying that the latter "had a list of them."

Same old game

In all these circumstances we urge the Official Receiver to go further into this matter and to make a report to the Board of Trade that will induce them to take action.

Until the company law is amended, people like Harrington and Grigg will go on using big names as a bait to secure victims.

The former, by the way, has already established himself at 137 Old Street, E.C.1, and has been endeavouring to induce people to invest money in new schemes.

A Penniless Manager

Perils of the Stage

FOR years we have conducted a vigorous campaign to secure legislation along the lines of that provided by the new Theatrical Employers' Registration Act.

We never wearied of exposing bogus managers or of showing how scandalous it was that any doubtful person could take a company on tour without even the necessary financial backing to guarantee the salaries.

Now a case which is typical of dozens exposed by us has been heard at Leigh County Police Court.

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A man named Thomas Brogan and his wife were brought up as the result of a charge made by the Variety Artistes' Federation, for failing to register under the new Act. It was also alleged that they had made a deliberate attempt to avoid registration.

Brogan made an application to the Bolton Town Clerk last December, who informed him that the application should be made to the Lancashire County Council. Brogan complied, giving his address as the *Stage*, but when the council wrote to him its letter was ignored.

Writing again, the council requested that the necessary fee of £2 be forwarded without delay, but were still unable to draw any reply.

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Brogan was at last traced to the Miners' Hall at Tyldesley, where he was producing a revue entitled "Skittles." He stated that his wife was the actual proprietor of the show, but that he was manager "for obvious reasons."

It was only after these enquiries had been instituted that Mrs. Brogan wrote to the *Stage* for their letters which they should have received last December. And it was not until February 22 that the show was registered in her name.

In the meantime, the show had been produced at various places under different names. Sometimes the Brogans advertised the producer as "Maude," sometimes as "Morris" and sometimes as "Burton."

These variations were due to the fact that Brogan's reputation in the profession was such that no respectable manager would let him a hall.

Giving evidence, Mr. Monte Bayley, national organiser of the Variety Artistes' Federation, stated that he had known Brogan by repute for two years and had been trying for some time to find him to issue summonses against him for arrears of salaries to artistes. He had received a complaint only two weeks ago for not paying wages at Swadlincote.

Brogan was fined £5 and the case against his wife was dismissed.

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The fact that he asked for time to pay, saying that "he had not a penny in the world," shows how undesirable it is that such a man should be allowed to take companies on tour.

A SIXTY-YEAR-OLD SCAMP

BYRNE'S BLUFFING BLARNEY

Swindler's Extraordinary International Career

UNTIL recently a gentleman named J. T. Byrne, who represented himself to be an expert on all matters relating to finance and company law, was sending out booklets from a Piccadilly office bearing the inspiring slogan "Expand Your Business."

The fact that he has been announcing his intention of seeking more palatial offices in Albemarle Street might lead some people to think that he was merely acting up to his own slogan; but our own personal investigations of Mr. Byrne's activities lead us to draw other conclusions.

In the first place, J. T. Byrne's business would already appear to be a fairly expansive one, since his operations are by no means confined to this country. He is also connected with a firm called Byrne, Lane and Brown, at Wellington Place, Belfast, and Upper Camden Street, Dublin, and when his affairs in London permit he divides his time between both these places.

Nor is this all. Sometimes he sails under the imposing banner of "The Irish Financier and Money Market Review," and for substantial fees offers to supply inside information relating to financial companies. This business he conducts from the office of Byrne, Lane and Brown.

Bait for clients

He is at present advertising in the English Press, and most of his advertisements refer to offers of "Expert and Financial Advice on the Practice, Promotion and Registration of Limited Liability Companies."

For prospective clients he has "20 Reasons" why his "system" possesses exceptional advantages. Apparently he has unlimited capital at his disposal, and all you have to do is pay his fees and leave the rest to him.

We do not know how many people have answered Mr. Byrne's advertisements, but we do know that many newspapers throughout the land have not yet been paid for printing his announcements, and, from information in our possession, we would say that the chances of their ever getting the money are very slender indeed.

World-wide swindling

J. T. Byrne is a sixty-year-old scamp, with an international record. As far back as 1895 he was convicted at the Central Criminal Court, London, and sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment for fraud.

This he followed up with a sentence of three years' penal servitude, and being a confirmed devotee to the slogan "Expand your business" even in those days, capped his three years' sentence with one of five!

It was after this that he decided to go West and favour the United States with his presence. He went *too* far, however, and was convicted in the Western district of New York. His offence is not known to us, but it convinced the American authorities that they had all they wanted of J. T. Byrne, and he was deported.

Byrne next came under the notice of the French police authorities in reference to certain bonds, and this, presumably, led him to seek refuge in Ireland. He was brought up at Dublin in 1922 and convicted of fraudulent conversion, in respect of a "proposed" company for the sale of goloshes, for which he received eighteen months in the second division.

Having made Ireland rather warm for himself, Byrne, apparently, decided to give England another trial.

We are afraid that he must mend his ways before he tries to live down his past record. The policy of covering up old misdeeds with new ones never pays. It may be many years since he stood in an English dock, and a new generation of mugs may have sprung up in the interval; but the law of the land remains the same.

Recently a London firm was making a bona fide application for share capital, and without their knowledge an announcement appeared in an Irish newspaper giving particulars of their prospectus and inviting subscriptions.

The announcement in question was inserted by Byrne; but the firm denied all knowledge of it, and the newspaper cannot get paid for the advertisement by either Byrne or the company.

Tell-tale envelope

Another newspaper was asked to insert an advertisement for the Jewel Radio Company, and when a subsequent alteration was required in the advertisement, the copy was sent in an envelope bearing the imprint of Byrne, Lane and Brown.

We advise the public to view any circulars which emanate from J. T. Byrne with distrust, and warn the press to be very chary about accepting his advertisements.

Pottery Puzzle Solved

An Unwitting Aspersion on Messrs. James Sadler and Sons, Ltd., and an Apology

IN commenting upon the tangled affairs of the British and Continental Industries, Ltd., late of St. Paul's Art Pottery, Newport Street, Burslem, we unwittingly cast a serious aspersion upon the firm of Messrs. James Sadler and Sons, Ltd., Teapot and Art Ware Manufacturers of Wellington and Central Potteries, Market Place, Burslem, and now also of St. Paul's Art Pottery, Newport Street, Burslem.

The article in which these comments were contained appeared in our issue for February 27, under the heading "Hunt the Thimble"—"A Pottery Puzzle," and referred to various undertakings with which a Mr. W. E. A. Brookfield has been associated.

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Our article concluded with the remark that reference to Somerset House disclosed the fact that Mr. Brookfield was either a director or principal shareholder of all the companies concerned, thereby conveying the entirely erroneous impression that he was connected with James Sadler and Sons, Ltd., whose name we had mentioned in the previous paragraph.

We are extremely sorry that this impression should have been created, and hasten to tender our sincere apologies to James Sadler and Sons, Ltd., at the same time taking this opportunity of laying the entire circumstances which gave rise to this unfortunate error before our readers.

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The facts are that Mr. Edward Sadler is the owner of an earthenware manufactory at Burslem, which was for some time unoccupied. Early in 1925 he received an application from the British and Continental Industries, Ltd., which was one of Brookfield's concerns, for the tenancy of the works, and a lease was entered into.

In October last, the British and Continental Industries, Ltd., went into liquidation, and thus the works once more became thrown on Mr. Sadler's hands. Messrs. James Sadler and Sons, Ltd., then took over the works, where they commenced a subsidiary business under the name of the "St. Paul's Art Pottery," which was the name of the works.

From first to last there was never any connection between Messrs. James Sadler and Sons, Ltd., and the British and Continental Industries, Ltd., apart from the fact that the latter were Mr. Sadler's tenants for a short period.

The St. Paul's Art Pottery purchased from the liquidator of the British and Continental Industries, Ltd., the assets of the business, and it would seem to be this fact that has given rise to the unfortunate complications which led us to couple the two concerns.

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Whilst again expressing our regret to Messrs. James Sadler and Sons, Ltd., that this misunderstanding should have arisen, we would make it quite clear to our readers that we in no way withdraw our comments relating to the other companies with which Mr. Brookfield was actually associated and whose tangled affairs were the subject of our original article.

The Cunning of Coe

A Slippery Customer

DESCRIBING himself as a "General Business Agent," Mr. A. Coe established himself in an office at 165, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C. 2, and proceeded to advertise for a partner willing to invest £50.

A gentleman at Mansfield got into touch with him, and was assured by Coe that the business had been established for two years, making a profit of £40 a month.

Coe stated that it was "a general business agency for the sale of flats, businesses, partnerships; also a manufacturers' agency for fancy goods."

The letter went on to say that the duties would be light but would carry a salary of £4 weekly, together with a share of the profits. If the applicant had any doubts they were swept away by the assurance that the capital was "fully secured and returnable."

Keeping the balance

An accident prevented the would-be partner from coming up to town straight away, but Coe agreed to keep the offer open for him on condition that he deposited £10 as security. The applicant sent £2, and later, as Coe pressed for the other £8, he sent that also.

Ultimately he came to town and interviewed Coe at his office, where he paid over a further £40 and was given a receipt for the full amount of his investment.

Coe then took his partner to find lodgings, and, on the way, called at his bank and paid in £30, saying that he was keeping the balance out for "working capital."

On the next day, the new partner attended the office at 10 a.m., but Coe did not put in an appearance till 12.30. The Mansfield gentleman was beginning to grow suspicious, for there seemed to be very little doing.

His suspicions were confirmed when Coe asked for a further advance of £25 on the second day of their partnership. He promptly refused and demanded his other money back.

Coe said that it was too late to get the money that day, but promised to drop his partner a postcard, and arrange an appointment in a day or so.

When they met he declared that he had spent £20, but he tendered an I.O.U. for this and they then went to the bank and drew out the other £30.

Another bite

On the day that the I.O.U. became due Coe wrote to ask if it could stand over for a little while as he was expecting a deposit from *another* "partner."

Coe has now disappeared from his address, and though he failed to settle his I.O.U., he certainly secured another client at least, for he wrote a scrawled note to the Mansfield reader which opened with the interesting words "Have deposit."

We think that the police should certainly enquire into his movements, for he would appear to be a very slippery customer.

Austen's Amazing Blunder

by A. G. GARDINER

The Locarno Pact gave cause of rejoicing to us all. Now there are signs of disagreement among members of the League of Nations. The League is the only safeguard against war, and blundering politicians must be "sacked"

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN is an extremely well-meaning man, but good intentions without wisdom may do as much mischief as positive evil. And Sir Austen is certainly not a wise man. He has raised a storm in this country and throughout Europe by an attitude of fatuity that baffles understanding.

I do not remember any issue on which a statesman of prominence has been left in so friendless a position as he has been. His own Party has repudiated him almost as emphatically as the Opposition, and the Press of all shades of opinion has been mobilised against him.

Four months ago he came back from Locarno the most popular man in the country, crowned with a diplomatic triumph that seemed at last to have set Europe on its feet.

Then, apparently without realising what he was doing, he announced his intention of kicking Locarno into the gutter, and making Europe a bear-garden again.

The spirit of revenge

Let us look at the facts of this strange episode. For seven years we have been trying to clear away the wreckage left by the war. Until that wreckage is cleared away and until mutual confidence and friendship are restored there can be no security for anybody and no prosperity for any country—least of all for this country, which depends more than any other upon world trade.

The chief obstacles to recovery are the relations of Germany and France. The fears and hates of those two countries have kept Europe inflamed for centuries, and while they continue the Continent will be a welter of rivalries and a constant menace to the peace of the world.

We need not waste time in enquiring who is the culprit. Sometimes it has been one and sometimes the other. Louis XIV and Napoleon trampled on Germany, and Bismarck trampled on France, and now in the sequence of this miserable wrangle it is the turn of France to trample on Germany.

And for seven years, with the aid of our Rothermere Press, France has been struggling to carry out the familiar programme by encircling Germany with military alliances and by the ill-fated invasion of the Ruhr.

Banishing the spectre of war

But we all now see that European peace does not lie that way. It lies in a quite opposite way. It lies in removing the fears and hates which are at the root of this eternal quarrel.

In a word, make France and Germany friends and you banish the spectre of war from the earth, for the clue to nearly every war is to be found in their sleepless hostility.

It was to bring this about that the League of Nations covenant was incorporated in the Treaty of Versailles. The object of that covenant was to establish a new relationship between the nations. They were to be brought permanently round a single table to discuss their differences and to settle them by friendly means.

If they couldn't settle them by discussion they would submit such as were justiciable to the judgment of an independent court.

If one of them refused to accept the judgment of the tribunal and insisted on war, then the recalcitrant would incur the disapproval of the League and would suffer the consequences.

We have seen in the case of Bulgaria and Greece how beneficial this machinery of restraint, reason and persuasion can be. Shots had been fired, troops were in each other's territory, when the League intervened, and two nations were brought to a peaceful understanding.

Our new police role

But before this machinery could touch the vital spot France and Germany must be brought round the table. France was within the League, but Germany was still without, and while that remained the situation nothing serious could be done to heal the sore in the heart of Europe.

The difficulty seemed insoluble. France wanted to convert the League into an instrument of French policy with Germany outside as a sort of permanent outlaw. This meant that Germany would regard the League merely as an enemy.

How was this impossible position to be overcome? This country made one attempt after another to get round it and to enable Germany to come in the League with the sanction of France. Time after time we failed.

The main reason was that France insisted on a guarantee of security outside the League. No one could provide that guarantee except us and we did not want to undertake new responsibilities.

But at last, as the only way out of the impasse, we made the sacrifice. We entered into a pact which practically makes us the policeman of the Rhine and guarantees both the squabbling races against unprovoked attack from the other.

That pact was ratified at Locarno, and it was hailed as the beginning of the new Europe. It was an enormous risk for this country to take, but it was worth taking if it brought France and Germany together in friendly relations under the umbrella of the League.

A monstrous suggestion

The corollary of the pact was that Germany came in the League as one of the Great Powers, with a permanent seat on the council.

With that done the co-operative partnership of the late belligerents would be established and France and Germany, with the rest of the Powers, would be organised into a system which would be a clearing-house for all the disorders of Europe and would work ceaselessly for disarmament and peace.

Let me digress here a moment to say a word about the constitution of the League. The assembly meets once a year, but the governing body is the council, which is in frequent session.

This council is divided into permanent and non-permanent members. The four permanent seats are held by the four leading Powers in the League—Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan. The six non-permanent seats are held by representatives elected by all the smaller States.

The original intention was that if America, Germany and Russia came into the League, they should have permanent seats on the council.

Locarno had at last brought Germany in, and all the world rejoiced. Now the League was a reality, and France and Germany were on the way to become reconciled.

The Germans had much opposition to overcome among their junkers. Why go into a League, they said, whose four permanent members are our old enemies? England, France, Italy, Japan will vote us down. Better stay outside.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Austen Chamberlain, M.P.

But the German Government prevailed, signed the Treaty of Locarno and prepared to enter the League in good faith and give it a trial.

Up to this time, not a word had been said of any cards up anybody's sleeve. Not a suggestion that the entry of Germany on to the council was to be balanced by the entry of anybody else on the council. If the suggestion had been made at Locarno it would have blown Locarno skyhigh.

The fallen saint

Then, suddenly, nearly four months afterwards the world learns that France is backing a demand by Poland, Spain and Brazil for permanent seats on the council.

And to the amazement of everybody the fact becomes evident that Sir Austen Chamberlain of all men, the very patron saint of Locarno, has been beguiled into supporting this outrageous breach of the spirit and letter of Locarno.

For consider that it means converting the League into a permanently anti-German institution.

On what ground can Poland, Spain and Brazil claim to be Great Powers? These three are no more Great Powers than Sweden, Belgium, Turkey, Canada, Australia, and other countries that have no permanent place on the council.

The scheme was an imprudent device to load the dice against Germany and make the League of Nations a branch of the French Foreign Office.

It is humiliating to think that an English Foreign Minister could have fallen into so open a trap and given his approval to a scheme which would have destroyed his own finest achievement.

The silver lining

But we may at least rejoice at one thing. Sir Austen's folly has evoked the greatest demonstration this country has ever made on behalf of the League and of European good faith.

If Geneva disposes of this plot to pack the council of the League against Germany, the fact will be due in no small measure to the unanimity with which all Parties in this country have denounced so malignant and dishonourable an idea.

I am sorry for Sir Austen's humiliation. But he ought to have known better than invite it. Perhaps he will beware of the blandishments of the Quai d'Orsay in future. Or perhaps Mr. Baldwin will find a new Foreign Minister.

Candid Communications

Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities

To the Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P., 10, Downing Street, S.W.

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,—You must not expect me to throw bouquets at you because, in the supposed interests of "economy," you have postponed the expenditure of £200,000 upon Civil Service sports grounds. After all, the sum here involved was relatively small, and the object in view by no means a bad one. I shall begin to take you seriously as the watchdog of the taxpayer as soon as you pluck up courage to take a bite at the £110,000,000 annually we are spending on armaments for no visible purpose. That is the acid test. JOHN BULL.

To Mrs. STANLEY BALDWIN, 10, Downing Street, S.W.

DEAR MADAM,—Your offer to live for one month in a steel house to test its comfort and suitability, or lack of it, was well conceived. I am sorry the Prime Minister restrained your experimental zeal. The great mistake the Government is making, in common with every previous Government, is neglect to bring women fully into its counsels. If men vacated the Ministry of Health for a time and gave over the office to women, I believe this business of house-building would get a move on. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. J. RAMSAY MACDONALD, M.P., Upper Frognal Lodge, Frognal.

DEAR SIR,—Following your strong comments upon the rigid intolerance of the I.L.P. comes Mr. Henderson's weighty condemnation of their proposal to unite the Socialist International with the Communist International. Well may you both ask to be spared from your friends. The Russian people have a right to govern their country in their own way, but those who concede this do not thereby imply their own willingness to bargain with Moscow. Mr. Henderson contemptuously scouts all ideas of armed revolution. It is the height of insanity even to dream of its possibility in this country. Unless the I.L.P. wishes to extinguish its political career, and dig its own grave, it will be well advised to think again. JOHN BULL.

To Rt. Hon. Sir L. WORTHINGTON-EVANS, M.P., Secretary for War.

DEAR SIR,—That the Army estimates will show a reduction of £2,000,000 is a matter for congratulation. But why did it become a question "whether it was the quill pen of the accountant or the payment of the soldier that had to go"? I am extremely doubtful of this sacking of accountants. It is waste that wants cutting out; not necessary servants of the public. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, M.P., Minister of Health.

SIR,—I should like to know your reasons for refusing to allow the Greenwich Board of Guardians to buy meat for its institutions direct from Smithfield Market, instead of through the agency of private contractors. It was estimated that direct purchase would mean a saving to the ratepayers of at least £2,000 a year. It really seems that, whether guardians save or spend, you are determined to pick a quarrel with them. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir ALFRED MOND, M.P., Lowndes Square, S.W.

DEAR SIR ALFRED,—Your anti-Socialist argument is an ingenious excuse for holding on to your seat at Carmarthen; but do you really think it is quite playing the game? You were elected by the Liberals—you are no longer a Liberal. Hence the majority of the electors have a representative forced upon them who is their declared political opponent. Honesty should come before expediency. Be a man; get out! JOHN BULL.

To General Sir IAN HAMILTON, G.C.B., Hyde Park Gardens.

DEAR SIR,—I agree with you that any attempt to drag the British Legion into Party politics is deplorable. As you say, perhaps the Minister of Pensions is too young to remember the "homes for heroes" cry. I have not forgotten. It is a crying scandal that those homes are still nothing more than a cry. It is common justice that ex-Service men want. JOHN BULL.

To Miss BUDGE, L.M.S. Railway Shareholder.

DEAR MADAM,—Your language is vigorous and your courage undoubted. Nevertheless, you allowed your zeal for dividends to get the better of your discretion at the railway shareholders' meeting. Your absurd charge that the "workers" are men who do two hours' work instead of eight and then go to the pictures did little credit to your common-sense. JOHN BULL.

To Alderman A. NORRIS, Mansfield.

DEAR SIR,—Congratulations upon your success in securing a reversal of the ridiculous decision of the Town Council to limit Sunday meetings in the town hall to twelve a year. The town hall belongs to the citizens, and any citizens who pay for it and behave decently have a right to use it. This constant hampering of free speech by those whose political opinions happen to differ is a silly policy. JOHN BULL.

To Miss CECIL CHRISTIE, Lancaster Gate, W.

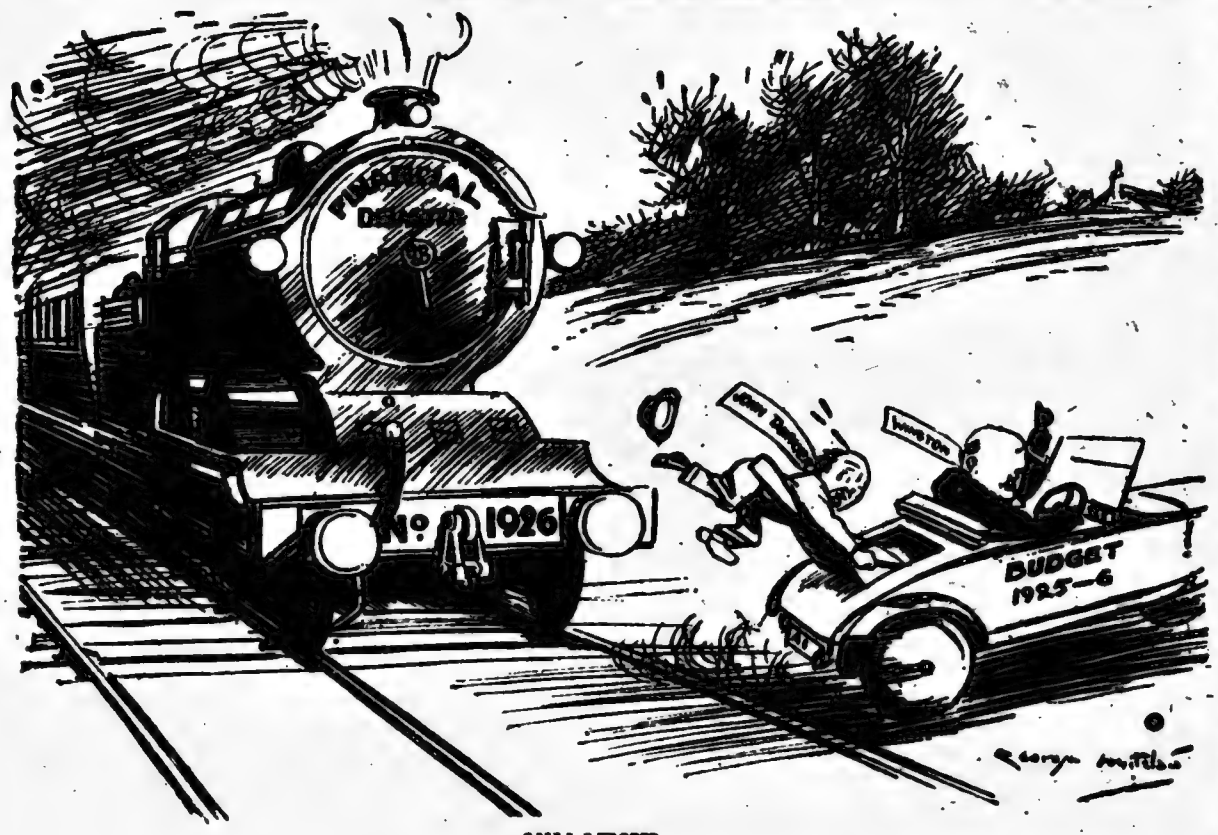
DEAR MADAM,—"Angel Lady" is your nickname in the homes of the poor, and well do you deserve the grateful tribute to your gentleness. Discovering you could work the tungsten sun-ray lamp from your motor-car, you run around and treat the sick children of the poor in their own homes. While others prate of helping the poor, you do it. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. ALFRED WELDING, Widnes, Lancs.

DEAR WELDING,—For deliberate, self-sacrificing courage no deed has ever surpassed yours when, at the High Speed Steel Alloys Company's works, you saw a fellow-worker fall into a vat of scalding acid in danger of being immersed. Instantly you jumped into this witches' cauldron and managed to hold up the lad's head until help arrived for you both. Right nobly have you earned the worker's V.C. which, in the shape of the Edward Medal, the King has bestowed upon you. JOHN BULL.

To Councillor J. V. COLLIER, Northampton Town Council.

DEAR SIR,—In 1923 two legless ex-soldiers were permitted by the Northampton Town Council to erect coffee-stalls on certain sites. The council now require these stalls to be moved each night. Your recent statement that the provision of wheels on these structures would occasion no hardship whatever is very misleading. The expenses incidental to the nightly removal of the vehicles would make a call of £1 per week, at the very least, on the owners, whose tobacco licences are also threatened if the stalls are to be movable. Do you not think it scandalous that "war" heroes should be threatened with deprivation of what are their dues? JOHN BULL.



WHEW!

The Chancellor has announced that he hopes to have a million pounds surplus on the 1925-6 Budget.

Straight from the Shoulder

MR. BALDWIN:—"I have to work entirely in faith."

No matter how you work so long as your labour leaves good Acts behind it.

LORD EUSTACE PERCY:—"All rates are paid in sorrow and all taxes are paid in anger."

That is a frank admission that taxpayers dislike both the objects and methods of present taxation.

MR. AMERY:—"If we are prepared to train men for work on the land overseas, there is no reason why we should not train them for work on the land in this country."

And, behold! Saul also is among the prophets!

MRS. E. LOWTHER:—"Miners' wives should be admitted as associate members of miners' unions."

Don't worry. Miners' wives will find plenty of means to inform the unions of their point of view.

Without Fear or Favour—*by The Editor*

THE MONSTROUS SWINDLE

Fair Play!

As our readers know, we have consistently insisted upon the duty the State owes to the houseless and to the badly housed.

We regret that it is necessary to insist upon the duty the rehoused owe to the State.

Money has been and is being taken from taxpayers and from ratepayers in order to bring houses into existence and to pay interest on the money borrowed for the various housing schemes.

Besides the many millions contributed in the form of subsidies, the difference between the economic rent and the rent for the new houses may be as high—as in the Bentley Council scheme—as 16s. 5d. per house per week.

All people, therefore, who live in non-subsidy houses—even slum dwellers—contribute through taxes or rates and taxes to the rents of the subsidy houses.

That being so, one would imagine that people who have secured houses would regard them as of the nature of a trust.

Unfortunately a small minority in many districts are apparently bent on reproducing slum conditions in their new homes. Others are—in defiance of by-laws—letting off rooms at extortionate rents; while the sum total of rents owing represents an appalling amount.

We know that rents are high, that times are bad, that in many cases it is impossible to prevent arrears of rent, but we also know that a certain type of tenant does not give the public authority as landlord as square a deal as he gives to the private owner as landlord.

That is not playing the game with the people who are rated and taxed for the building and the upkeep of the houses, nor shall we blame any authority that loses patience with needless damage, needless filth, or needless withholding of rent.

Life is Cheap

The Government has dealt a heavy blow to the voluntary hospitals. Most of these excellent institutions, as everyone knows, are in desperate need of funds.

It was, therefore, with great satisfaction that the public learned of the recommendation of the Voluntary Hospitals Commission that the cost of new building extensions should be covered by a Parliamentary grant.

Now the Ministry of Health announces that nothing of the kind is to be expected. The nation, it seems, cannot afford to spend money on the treatment of the sick in voluntary institutions.

It can find money for new battle cruisers, for Air Force expansion, and for any other devilment that ends in death, but when it comes to life-saving the purse is tightly closed.

The ultimate effect of this decision can only be to throw a greater burden on the Poor Law infirmaries which are supported from the rates.

Nothing will be saved. Meanness seldom pays. The voluntary hospital system is well worth preserving, and a little timely help from the State would be a wise national investment.

Our Bold Move

FOR several weeks we have been exposing the iniquities of industrial assurance. We shall continue to do so; but we have determined to do more—to give our readers practical advice and assistance

THE deeper we go into the unsavoury story of industrial assurance, the more convinced we become that we are faced with a state of affairs without parallel in the history of the country.

The things that are happening in every corner of the land, the stories of poor and ignorant people being misled and defrauded because of their very poverty and ignorance, are staggering in their shameless implications.

Every day, every minute of every day, poor people are being mercilessly exploited and denied justice.

The Press is silent, Parliament is supine. Although it is well known to those behind the scenes that at this moment there are millions of pounds due to policy-holders, nobody is prepared to champion the cause of the poor and the oppressed.

These policy-holders are ignorant of their rights. The multi-millionaire companies carefully refrain from informing them.

Mr. W. E. Mashford

It does not seem to matter to anybody that in the vast majority of cases the money is due to the families of men who went to the uttermost ends of the earth at the call of King and country.

Nobody cares, apparently, that during the absence of their men these families were fleeced and defrauded in the most barefaced manner.

But John Bull cares. And John Bull is determined that at last a challenge shall be flung down to these people who are piling up fortunes at the expense of widows and orphans. John Bull is determined that Parliament shall no longer complacently ignore this impudent defrauding of the poor.

WE have established a department for the sole purpose of dealing with the grievances of those who are being exploited by the industrial assurance companies.

To have charge of this department we have engaged Mr. W. E. Mashford, who has fought these companies on behalf of the poor for the last thirty years. Up to now he has fought single-handed. From now on he will have behind him the power and resources of "John Bull."

We invite any reader who has been victimised or misled in any way to write to us. Our advice and help are at your free disposal.

Write to "John Bull" about it! Address your letters to "Industrial Assurance, 'John Bull,' 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2," and enclose a stamped addressed envelope for reply.

WE will give you the best advice it is possible to obtain and the helpless shall no longer lack a friend in this unequal fight.

And do not remain contented with writing to John Bull. Write to your Member of Parliament also. Ask him to investigate the crying scandal of these industrial assurance companies and urge him to demand a Government enquiry into the whole iniquitous business.

Don't forget that both Parliament and the Government KNOW that the whole thing is a monstrous injustice. Don't forget either that nothing will make them move but the pressure of public opinion.

We have taken up this task, and we shall not rest until something has been done.

The time is ripe for the whole of this business of industrial assurance to be taken over by the State and incorporated in one big scheme of national insurance.

Meanwhile we shall do what we can to protect the poor from these wholesale robbery depredations.

Criminal Carelessness

THE sequel to the grave rates scandal of the Stoke Newington Borough Council moves us to make some further comment.

Stanley Dring Campion, the twenty-six-year-old collector, who absconded with over £7,000 of the council's funds, has just been sentenced to twelve months in the second division.

In court Campion told a wonderful story of how he had got into the hands of a racing gang, and, under its influence, had dissipated the money.

But he said nothing about the large number of workless people at Stoke Newington who, week after week, are sent to jail because they cannot pay their rates.

Nor was anything said in court about the crass ineptitude of the local authorities whose inadequate supervision allowed such a glaring fraud to be perpetrated.

It is clear that had Campion's accounts been checked the fraud could never have been perpetrated.

An enquiry is needed to fix the blame upon those whose carelessness and mismanagement made it possible for a young man of twenty-six to carry out such a gigantic fraud. It is also needed because people like Campion are being discovered doing this sort of thing here, there and everywhere.

It is always the same story—lack of local efficiency and inadequate supervision of accounts.

Several men have been sent to jail recently, but nothing will be done effectively until there is a general enquiry into the whole matter.

How is the ratepayers' money collected? What regulations are enforced? How is it safeguarded when collected? And how is it finally disposed of?

These are questions which all local authorities should be called upon to answer.

The Marrying Age

IT is an extraordinary thing that the law of England which fixes the "age of consent" at sixteen should permit girls to be legally married at twelve and boys at fourteen years.

On no grounds of morality or expediency can this absurdity be justified, and the Home Secretary's promise to introduce legislation on the matter will be received by the public with general satisfaction.

If the law were sensibly altered the white-slave trafficker would be deprived of a weapon which in the past he has not been slow to use.

To abduct a young girl without legal warrant is a criminal offence entailing heavy penalties, but if the form of marriage is observed it is extremely difficult to bring the offender to book.

There have been many cases in which unscrupulous foreigners have taken advantage of our obsolete marriage laws to perpetrate nameless infamies against English girls. A law which aids crime is a blot on the Statute Book.

On every ground it is to be hoped that the proposed reform will be carried through with the least possible delay.

My Grave Warning!

By the Rt. Hon. DAVID LLOYD GEORGE, M.P.

IN this powerful and exclusive contribution, the "Little Man who Won the War" proves that he remains as ever a giant among politicians. It is the most vigorous article he has yet contributed to the Press on his new campaign. One may disagree with Mr. Lloyd George's solution of the problem. None can dispute that he is forcing people to realise the greatest menace to the future prosperity of Britain

The Rt. Hon. D. Lloyd George, M.P.

AN increase in food production out of British soil is not merely a rural question; it is a pressing national need and ought to be considered and treated as such.

It ought to be taken in hand as a patriotic enterprise by all Parties. It should not be left to farmers' or labourers' unions. It is just as much an issue for the towns as it is for the villages.

Whenever a townsman dares to utter the word "agriculture," a smile of tolerant contempt passes over the ruddy face of the countryman. You are informed that the fellow who talks so glibly about cultivating the land "could not tell the difference between an ear of barley and an unboiled shrimp."

That is the attitude assumed by agriculturists to all those not of their trade who presume to discuss it in public. To qualify for discussion of agrarian problems you must live on and out of the land. Whether you work on it or not is a matter of no consequence.

You can make speeches about the coal question although you never saw a coal-face or descended a pit. You can wax eloquent over the need for increasing our electric supply, although you know not the difference between a kilowatt and a kilometre.

Politicians can discourse about Irak, although their interventions prove that they possess an inadequate knowledge even of its position on the map of the world. But you are not supposed to talk about British agriculture unless you are redolent of the farmyard, the stable or the kennel.

My early schooling

I am not a townsman. I came of farmer stock. I was brought up in a purely agricultural community, and for the first thirty years of my life I lived in the country.

I was articled to a solicitor, who, in addition to being the confidential adviser of the farmers in the district, was also an estate-agent, and my practice for the first years of my professional career was largely amongst the cultivators of the soil.

So if I make mistakes I cannot plead ignorance of the business of farming in extenuation of my fault. But what drove me first and always to dwell upon the importance of the land question was the fact that I saw the process of decay in rural life going on before my eyes, and I also perceived the cause or causes of it.

I witnessed little village industries disappearing one after the other; the best amongst the young men and the young women fleeing to the towns for a better livelihood and a brighter prospect; the sturdy agricultural labourer departing for the mines and the quarries, never to come back to the land; cottages becoming empty, neglected, and gradually their roofs tumbling in.

The weeds that choke us

When I revisit my old village I often pass a tangle of briars and nettles covering the ruins of a cottage which once sheltered children with whom I played, and factories and workshops which once supplied the needs of that little community in the midst of which I was reared.

The labourer has less interest in the land than ever, and has become merely a wage-earner. Where there were pigsties that furnished him with his bacon, and dung-heaps ready for the adjoining gardens or plots, you see now a litter of empty tins which contained potted foods from across the seas.

The countryside gives you the impression of a side-tracked industry—an industry not wanted—something the nation can get on without and does not want to bother about.

Since the days of my youth I have seen every other industry striding ahead with the seven-league boots of science, while this vital industry of raising food for the people is hobbling along with the aid of an occasional crutch cut from the Treasury forest—just to keep it from dropping in the furrows.

And yet this is the most important industry for any and every country to keep alive and flourishing.

A sorrowful tale

Nothing could better illustrate the attitude of the British public towards agriculture than the fact that it has been altogether left out of the concerted effort now being made to induce customers to prefer British goods.

No industry stands so much in need of an effort to attract the concentrated thought of the nation upon its revival and its resuscitation, and no industry would repay national attention half as well.

Take these few figures. They tell a tale of national neglect of the most essential aspect of national life and development. In 1861 the urban population of England and Wales was 10,961,000; in 1921 it had risen to 30,034,000. In 1861 the rural population was 9,105,000; by 1921 it had gone down to 7,851,000.

While the markets for British agricultural produce had trebled in value, the produce had scarcely increased and those engaged in producing had gone down in numbers. During that period every other country had increased by heavy percentages the yield of its soil. Not so Britain.

Then there is another serious aspect to the stagnation which has frozen what ought to be our most productive and profitable industry. Our trade balance which overflowed into the reservoir in scores and even hundreds of millions before the war, has dropped into a thin and precarious trickle.

Our national food bill from abroad is consequently a matter of growing anxiety. Last year we purchased from abroad twice as much of the fruits of the earth as was raised altogether on British soil. In making my computation I have left out products for which our climate is unsuitable.

As I write this article I have in front of me the last weekly return of the Smithfield market. Out of 10,118 tons of meat of all kinds, butter, eggs, etc., passing through that famous market, only 1,919 has come from Great Britain and Ireland.

What does that mean? London, the capital of Britain, is the greatest food market in the whole world, and still of the agricultural produce bought and sold in its marts less than one-fifth is raised on the soil of the British Isles.

And yet no Government Department seems to be in the least perturbed about these startling facts. There is no campaign of advertising for British meat, cheese and butter, although last year we paid huge sums for these articles of food to farmers in other lands.

Since the war the produce raised at home has gone down, and the quantity bought from across the seas has increased substantially. We are paying £400,000,000 annually for transmarine food and timber. What proportion of these enormous imports could be raised at home by improved methods of cultivation?

That is an arguable question. But I have not seen any authority who put the figure at less than £100,000,000, and many experts of standing put it at a much higher figure.

A hand that points the way

Every other country in Western Europe has within living memory realised the vital importance of making special efforts to develop the resources of its soil to the utmost limits of its capacity.

Anyone who has read Mr. Disraeli's famous Corn Law speeches will recollect how he dwelt with pride on the superiority of British farming to that of all competitors. At that date the boast was justifiable. Since then Western European agriculture has leapt forward and British agriculture has lagged behind.

In those days Denmark had everything to learn from the British agriculturist, and nothing to teach him. The yield of British soil was incomparably higher than that of Denmark. Now the poorer soils of the Danish peninsula yield much more per acre than the richer lands of this fertile island.

Tariffs play no part in the change, for Danish farming is not protected. The Danish people took the matter in hand, and Denmark has been fertilised by the most potent of all nitrates—the patriotism of an intelligent race.

A similar movement of national concern engaging the active co-operation of all classes raised the agricultural yield of Germany in the course of a generation from a place visibly behind that of Britain to a position far ahead of it.

Slumbering owners

What Teuton and Dane accomplished by an intelligent national effort the Briton can not only achieve but surpass, for he has a soil of superior quality on which science can perform its wonders.

When will Britain wake up to the importance of following the example of Continental countries in this respect? The war ought to have taught us the

perils of an undercultivated land depending for its daily bread on roads across the unramparted seas.

In spite of our crushing war burdens and our depressed trade, we spend well over £100,000,000 per annum in the defence of these islands and their empire. We forget that the soil is the first and last line of defence.

What can be done to set things right in the great industry of the country? Nothing without a complete transformation of the system on which that industry is organised. Agriculture is the only industry where the persons who have invested two-thirds of the capital take no real and effective part in running the business.

Can you think of any other concern where the leading capitalist contributes so little to its direction? Call to your memory the men who have amassed fortunes in some other trade or industry.

They have all worked hard to make the success they enjoy. They never cease working to consolidate and increase their assets and their profits. I know some of them who have exceeded the allotted span of human life and who still toil long and late at the business which brings them their riches.

One honest man

But here is the greatest and most important industry in the land, and the largest capitalist in it treats it not as a business needing ceaseless attention and direction, but as an amenity demanding dignified enjoyment.

Lest this should be regarded as an unfair indictment of a class prompted by political or other bias, I will quote an authority who is above any suspicion of prejudice against landlords, Lord Bledisloe.

He is himself a landlord. He holds office under the present Government, and had it not been that he knows too much about land and farming to make a conventional and complaisant Minister, he would now have been at the head of the Board of Agriculture.

This is what he said in his famous address to the British Association:

"Whereas at the end of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth century certain progressive English landowners were definitely and admittedly the leaders of the industry, to-day, and for the past sixty years, landowners have ceased to lead. . . .

"Land to-day in the hands of British landowners is more than ever an amenity, and although there are many whose serious impoverishment operates as an inducement to put their estates upon a business footing, they are sadly conscious that they have not the knowledge to do so."

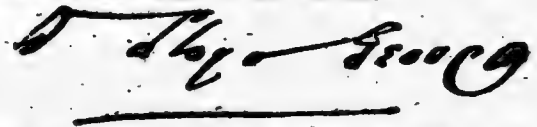
These words have been the barbed wire which has excluded the speaker from the high office which his talents, knowledge and standing entitle him to hold. Lord Bledisloe has been guilty of the atrocity of telling the truth about the most powerful class in his own Party.

Here lies hope

And so it comes to pass that when there is a vacancy in the Ministry of Agriculture the one man in the Government who knows all about farming, the one man amongst Ministers who knows anything about farming, is passed over, and a man is appointed Minister of Agriculture who is as fit for the post as he would be to be Dean of St. Paul's.

For the time being, an examination of the actual proposals put forward by the rival Parties for solving this urgent problem of agriculture is not as important as an insistence on the duty of rousing the nation to a realisation of its magnitude and gravity.

Once this is apprehended, the right road to save rural Britain will be found and trodden by the nation with the accord of all Parties.



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Thank God we're British!

by "A GENTLEMAN WITH A DUSTER"

THE mind of the Pharisee is repugnant to the Britisher, who loves honesty and sincerity. Self-righteous claims to be the teacher of others fill him with disgust

GREAT are the difficulties which confront us here in Britain; but greater, in my opinion, are the difficulties which now threaten the rich and prosperous American nation with collapse of a most serious order.

My reason for thinking that America's difficulties are greater than our own is founded upon evidence adduced by a competent American editor, Mr. S. S. McClure, of a moral condition in the United States more deplorable, more appalling and more abominable than exists in any other country of the world, even the most savage.

Further, the vice of hypocrisy, out of which Charles Dickens scourged our nation in the last century, appears to be so rampant in America that it has rendered the people of that country wholly incapable of seeing the true state of their condition.

Their attitude towards Europe is one of moral superiority. They regard us as benighted heathens who have not yet emerged from the curse of feudalism.

There is only one country in the world which is God's own country, and only one land which can justly call itself the land of liberty.

But what is the real condition of the people who inhabit God's own country, and who are so industriously exporting to other countries missionaries and moneylenders, moralising speeches and demoralising films?

A tragic picture

The greatest authority on the statistics of murder in America, Dr. F. L. Hoffman, is quoted by Mr. McClure as saying: "*A point has been reached in our national life where no one is safe anywhere at any time.*

"Murders are committed with fiendish cruelty, and often with superhuman ingenuity which baffles the authorities and defeats the ends of justice."

Nor is this a new or passing phase, for President Eliot declared as long ago as 1908 that "*the defences of society against criminals have broken down.*"

Nor is America threatened only by criminals who murder people with fiendish cruelty; many of the men in charge of her municipal government appear to be criminals of a nature so appalling that one shrinks from even mentioning their crimes.

Under the title "Lowest Depths of Infamy in Western Civilisation," Mr. McClure shows how the administration of San Francisco has not only made money for itself by selling immunity from prosecution to the worst pimps of vice, but has actually countenanced what he describes as "*nurseries of vice for children.*"

Nurseries of vice

These nurseries of vice are called "nickelodeons" and "penny arcades." Children, encouraged to enter them by free admission, put money into picture slot-machines which line them on each side.

"It would be impossible to describe the pictures in words that are printable; the sale of such photographs constitutes a criminal offence."

When attempts were made to close these places it was found that "like gambling dens and brothels, *they were protected by the municipal administration.*"

A well-known bishop in America addressed the Mayor of New York in the following words:

". . . when a minister of religion goes to the headquarters of the police of his district to appeal to them for the protection of the young, the innocent, and the defenceless, against the leprous harpies who are hired as runners and touters for the lowest and most infamous dens of vice, he is met not only with contempt and derision, but with the coarsest insult and obloquy."

Mr. McClure furnishes a formidable list of men who were burned alive at the stake in one year, and says that between 1885 and 1923 *sixty-eight negro women and girls were lynched, and seventeen white women and girls.*

Horrible cruelty

"A pregnant woman," he says, "was lynched in Georgia under circumstances too horrible to print in a magazine." He quotes these headlines from a Chattanooga newspaper:

TORTURED AND THEN BURNED.
SCENE OF BLOOD-CURDLING LYNCHING.
THOUSANDS OF MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WITNESS PROCEEDINGS.
MANY CRYING FOR THE NEGRO'S BLOOD.

The newspaper relates that a poker was made red-hot and jabbed towards the negro's body. "Crazed with fright, the black grabbed hold of it, and as it was pulled through his hands the atmosphere was filled with the odour of burning flesh. . . . . Scream after scream rent the air."

President Coolidge

When the fire was lighted the negro begged to be shot. "Yells of derision greeted his request. The angry flames consumed his clothing, and little blue blazes shot upward from his burning hair before he lost consciousness."

In certain parts of America prisoners are leased to private contractors, and lumber companies are glad to get this convict labour. An account is given of a sick convict being horribly flogged to death by the "whipping boss."

Heading for destruction

To sum up, statistics prove that there is more crime, and more brutal crime in America, than in any other country of the world.

There is another aspect of this matter. A friend of mine who has just visited America tells me that while he was impressed by the industrial prosperity of the country, the luxury and recklessness of the rich staggered him at every turn.

America, he says, does not seem to care a jot for the moral law, or to perceive that she is heading for destruction.

And yet this lawless and reckless America, so rich that she does not know what to do with her money, holds herself aloof from the difficulties of Europe and would have the rest of the world to think that she leads the van of Christian civilisation.

She has yet to learn that it is as possible for a nation, as for an individual, to gain the whole world and lose its soul alive.

Let her, if she will, continue to demand interest on the money Europe spent so lavishly in her factories during the war which made her the great creditor nation of the world but let her not patronise other nations while she so wantonly outrages in her own household the moral law of that God whose country she professes to inhabit.

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COLOSSAL INSURANCE LOOT

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS ROBBED

Our New Scheme of Help

IN our leading article on another page we have announced the establishment of one more JOHN BULL department, this time for the purpose of fighting the battle of the public against the robbery of industrial insurance.

There are several ways in which we can be instrumental in recovering money for the policy-holders. But the main direction in which the companies can be forced to disgorge huge sums is in relation to the money at present withheld on life policies up to £25 which lapsed during the war.

There are millions of cases in which money has been lying due for some years, unknown to those to whom it rightly belongs. The total, amounting to a staggering figure, is in the possession of the companies.

They have neglected to announce the fact to the public, and have been aided in their conspiracy of silence by Parliament and the Press.

In September, 1914, the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act was passed. One of the provisions was that all industrial insurance policies with a face value of £25 and under, which had been in force for not less than two years, and which were valid at the outbreak of war, could not become lapsed on the holder ceasing to pay the premiums.

Expensive ignorance

They could only be lapsed by special order of the court, made on the application of the companies. The object of the Act was to protect soldiers and sailors and others who were unable to continue their payments owing to the war.

It was a well-intentioned Act, calculated to prevent a great deal of hardship, but, owing to the meagre publicity which it received in the Press, not one policy-holder in a thousand knew of its existence.

The soldier in the trenches, for example, assumed that the policy he had left behind had lapsed for good when the premiums were no longer paid. So did his wife.

They did not know that, if the person insured died, whether on war service or not, the full amount insurable on a policy up to £25 could be claimed, providing the holder paid to the company the arrears of premiums up to the time of death.

Notices that misled

Many of the companies, unpatriotic and contemptible as ever, saw their opportunity of fleecing even the relatives of the war dead. They took no steps to inform their dupe either collectively or individually, of the money that could be recovered.

They did not even make the applications to the courts to which we have referred. That might have brought them the publicity they were so anxious to avoid!

Instead, they sent out, in a large number of cases, the ordinary arrears notices. The effect was that the holders were misled into believing that their policies had lapsed and they had lost their premiums paid.

The truth was that the policies could not lapse in that way. About 20,000,000 policies were covered by the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act, which remained in force until March 7, 1924.

Widows and orphans swindled

How many policies are believed by the holders to have lapsed, but on which the full amount insured can be recovered, on payment of the arrears, it is impossible to estimate accurately. *It is certain that millions are affected.*

The cruel fact is that hundreds of thousands of soldiers' widows and orphans and dependents are the victims of the great silent swindle.

The formation of our new bureau has made it possible for millions of pounds to be recovered. If you hold a policy taken out at any time before August 4, 1912, which was valid on August 4, 1914, and which was allowed to lapse, do not neglect to write to our new department.

Major Hore-Belisha, M.P. who has tabled a question concerning the Industrial Assurance scandal

It does not matter whether the person insured is dead or alive. If alive, the arrears may be paid up and the premiums continued. If dead before March 7, 1924, the full insured value of a policy not exceeding £25 may be recovered.

Conspiracy of silence

Already, Mr. W. E. Mashford, of the Industrial Assurance Policy Holders' Protection Association, has been the means of securing payment for a large number of policy-holders.

Take the typical case of Mrs. Susan Harrison, on whose life a policy was effected in 1908. The premiums of 6d. per week were paid regularly by her son until he joined the Army.

He was killed in September, 1915, and the policy lapsed. Mrs. Harrison also died, and it was not until three or four months ago that the relatives learned that they could claim the amount of the policy. The arrears were paid and they recovered £19 16s.

For once, at least, an industrial insurance company was prevented from making a profit out of the death of a soldier in the country's defence!

In 1920 a Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Hull died, leaving four little orphans. By right, the children were entitled to payment under policies which came under the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act.

Fortunately, the policies were discovered by friends five years later. The matter was put into the hands of Mr. Mashford, and he obtained payment of £12.

The point to note is that this was not a charitable act on the part of the company. It was legally bound to pay that money.

We repeat what we have said in previous articles, that, however stupendous the amounts which can be reclaimed from the companies, they are dwarfed by the profits made under cover of the law, and which never can be recovered.

Backed by agents

It is comforting to think that in our demand for a full enquiry and subsequent legislation, we are backed by a host of honest industrial insurance agents, who are in a position to know the full extent of the swindle.

Our post-bag these last weeks contains scores of letters from agents, who confirm every word of our exposures. Some of them complain that our criticism has not been strong enough!

In view of this we were astonished to read in the *Daily Herald* a statement by Mr. W. T. Brown, president of the National Federation of Insurance Workers, and a colleague, Mr. E. T. Palmer, defending the present system. Some of their views are worth repeating.

"Industrial insurance," they say, "is certainly not all that can be desired, but its conduct is in no way different from that of other industries run for profit."

We challenge Messrs. Brown and Palmer to mention any other industry in this country which has in the past twenty years or so made hundreds of millions by obtaining money from poor people for which nothing whatever has been given in return.

We refer to the profits from lapsed policies on which there has been no surrender value.

Crucial figures

"If it is true," they add, "that 23,000 policies lapsed every working day in 1924, it is only fair to ask how many thousands of free policies and cash surrender values were granted on account of such lapsed policies."

Now that is very much to the point. It is exactly what we ourselves have been asking for, but we have failed to elicit a reply from the companies.

What is the proportion of lapsed policies on which a free policy or cash surrender value is paid? Perhaps Messrs. Brown and Palmer will be able to supply the figures!

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DAVY JONES' NAVY

Another High Seas Scandal

CONSIDERABLE consternation is rife in shipping circles—particularly in the homes of those who go down to the sea in ships—over the unusually large number of "tramp" steamers which have lately been lost.

The Board of Trade has been appealed to from many quarters, and it is clear that drastic alterations are necessary in the shipping laws to prevent grasping shipowners from sending unseaworthy vessels to their doom.

The safety of our seamen is being wantonly jeopardised for profit, and the scandal has reached such a stage that the Mercantile Marine Service Association has asked for a Board of Trade enquiry.

It is quite likely that this appeal will be turned down on the ground that an enquiry is held, whenever possible, into the loss of individual vessels. This is true, and it is true also that over 8,000 such enquiries have been held by the Board of Trade in the last few years.

Owners' neglect

But what is the good of recording the details of losses *after* they have occurred, if the experience derived therefrom is not used in establishing precautionary measures for the future?

What is needed is a general enquiry, the purpose of which should be to ascertain why so many ships go down, why so many lives are lost, and what revision is needed in the present antiquated regulations.

In looking over a great number of cases, we are appalled by the nature of the causes to which many losses are attributed. Vessels may be unseaworthy in more senses than one.

Owners send ships to sea shockingly overloaded, with inadequate crews and inefficient officers, and often without the requisite wireless installation.

There could be no more terrible story than that which tells of the loss of the *El Kahira* some time ago. This vessel left London with a cargo of sugar bound for Mediterranean ports. She was "sighted" a few hours after she left the Thames, but that was the last that was ever seen of her.

Sent to their doom

She had thirty souls aboard, and who can say what terrible fate overtook them? The captain's body was washed ashore near Cape Grisnez, and there is little doubt, in the light of revelations made at the Board of Trade enquiry, that this officer and his unfortunate crew were deliberately sent to their doom.

The enquiry disclosed the fact that when the *El Kahira* sailed she was an unsafe ship, and was not provided with a wireless installation. Her boat-falls were in such a dreadful condition that the boats could not have been readily launched or easily manned.

The owners of the *El Kahira* were the Trading and Coal Company, St. Helen's Place, E.C., and Mr. Ernest Olivier was ordered to pay 200 guineas towards the expense of the investigation, but apart from that no action was taken.

Round about the same time, no fewer than seventy-five vessels, of the same type, were lost at sea in a period of three months.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, M.P., President of the Board of Trade

Often the true circumstances of disasters at sea are never ascertained. Take the tragedy of a steamship which disappeared some time ago with all hands on board. Two bodies, one of which was identified as the captain, were discovered in a lifeboat drifting helplessly in a raging tempest; but the fate of the ship and the remaining members of her crew remains one of the unsolved mysteries of the sea.

A striking indictment against present seafaring conditions is illustrated in the proceedings held to investigate the loss of the *Treressa*.

There is no need to tell the story of this disaster, which the public will readily recall; but there is need to comment upon the finding of the court, which was as follows:

"The manner of loading created a serious element of danger to the ship, but it had been so general for many years that, in the absence of any negligence, the court does not consider any individual to blame for following what was an established practice."

A don't-care policy

In other words, the Board of Trade does not seem to worry very much if the lives of seamen *are* endangered by "an established practice."

We have hinted at the undermanning of ships and the appointment of inefficient officers as one means by which owners endeavour to cut their costs, and we have before us reports of numerous disasters which are attributed to this cause.

A case selected at random is that of the s.s. *Mogulton*. This vessel was lost in the St. George's Channel, and the crew only escaped a watery grave by a hair's-breadth. The loss was attributed to the failure of *an inexperienced* second engineer to open the shutter of the ash-ejector discharge before restarting the apparatus.

Sometimes the loss of a vessel may be traced to more than one of the causes we have mentioned. Such was the case with the s.s. *Redline No. 1*, which capsized and foundered off the south coast of England last year. Nine souls perished, and it is no exaggeration to say that their lives were practically thrown away.

The court of enquiry found that there was "a grave error of judgment" on the part of the captain, and that the owners, the British Mexican Petroleum Company, Ltd., had also erred in allowing the vessel to put to sea without making certain modifications which her previous voyage had shown to be necessary.

As an instance in which twenty lives were lost through gross negligence, we may cite the loss of the s.s. *Hartley* in the English Channel.

Although this vessel had an exceptionally large area of hatchways, no locking or other bars were fitted to the hatches. They were simply secured by tarpaulins, which proved ineffectual as soon as the vessel encountered heavy seas.

Gambling with lives

Whilst on the subject of negligence, it may be well to consider the overwhelming number of boiler explosions which take place when vessels are lying in port. In nearly every instance the explosion has been caused by some defect which the most superficial examination would have revealed.

Thus we find an explosion on the s.s. *Star of Hope* attributed to the plate having corroded until it was no longer able to withstand the *normal* working pressure, and a similar accident on the s.s. *Forestdene* is attributed to the corrosion of the metal stanchpipe, which was of *inferior* quality.

Is this gambling with human lives to go on? The Board of Trade has just published a return of shipping casualties, giving statistics up to the end of 1924.

The number of lives lost in 1924 was the highest since 1920, and in the three years 1922–24, something like 2,000 seamen perished through casualties to vessels and other "accidents."

The number of deaths from disease is also disquieting, the figure for 1924 being 698.

Disgusting overcrowding

How many of these are due to the appalling conditions under which crews of "tramp" steamers are forced to live we cannot say; but it is certain that many owners, in converting vessels in order to obtain the utmost cargo capacity, skimp crews' quarters to a disgusting degree.

We appeal to the Board of Trade to tackle the question immediately, and to enforce regulations which will preclude all possibility of vessels which are in any way unseaworthy being sent on voyages which cannot but end in disaster.

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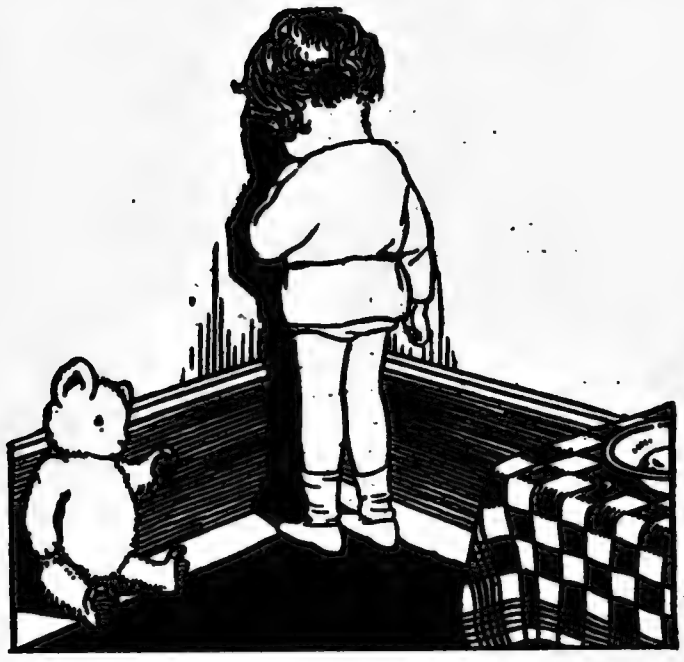

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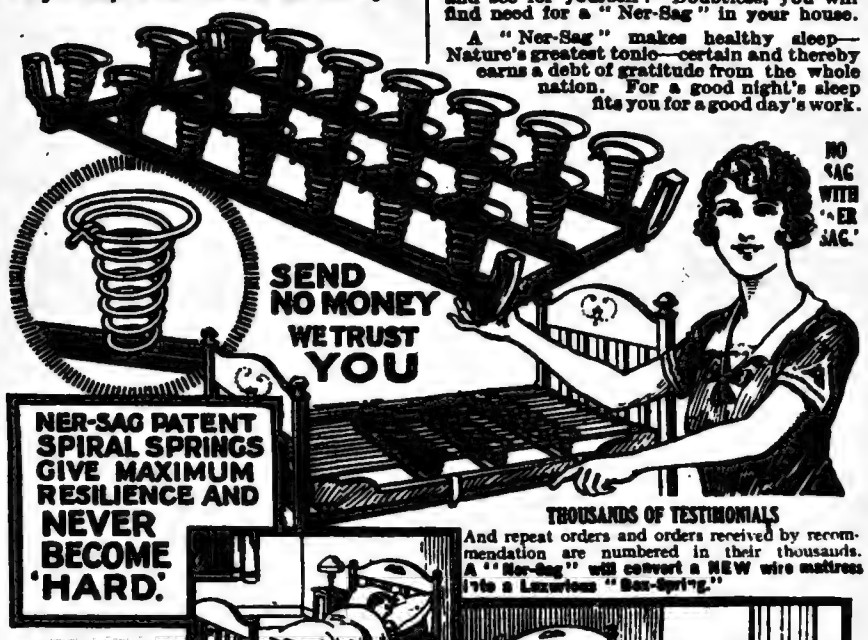
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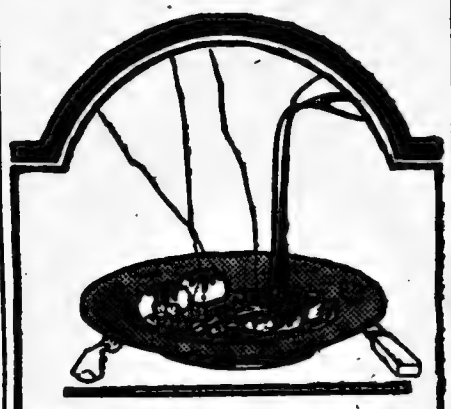

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THE DEAD BOY'S MESSAGE

The Greater Sacrifice

by PHILIP INMAN

NOT long ago, I read of an invalid woman's sorrowful pilgrimage. In the European War she lost her only son, and when the tragic missive announcing his death was handed to her, she collapsed and had to be carried unconscious into her house.

That day she took to her bed, and ever since she has been confined to her room. Her trouble was not only physical, but there was an open wound in her heart, which even Time could not heal.

Then, to this woman there came a great yearning. Before it was too late, she must see the grave where her boy slept. Nothing could dissuade her from her resolve and she would not rest until arrangements had been made to gratify her desire.

AN aeroplane was chartered, converted into an ambulance, and in it the patient was conveyed to a little village in Flanders. Then, on an invalid chair, she was carried to the spot where a tiny wooden cross marked the resting-place of her boy.

Now comes the strange sequel to the story.

In an unpretentious room in the top floor of a house in the West End lives an elderly woman by herself. In her eyes is a strange look of wistfulness, and she carries about with her that undefinable something which betokens one who has come out of great tribulation.

BUT her sufferings have led not to sorrow but to service. Every day of the week this woman is engaged on some errand of mercy. Most of her time she spends amongst those "tragic figures in blue," for whilst so many seem to have forgotten, there are still some hundreds of wounded soldiers scattered abroad amongst the hospitals of the metropolis.

It was in one of the wards devoted to these incurable men that I first met this woman. With the passing of time, I saw much of her, and one day she told me of herself.

With the first part of her story I was familiar. I had been told before that she was the invalid woman of whom I had read, the one who had been conveyed in the aeroplane to that little cemetery in Flanders.

But the secret of her transformation was new to me, and I waited expectantly for her to continue.

"As I saw those rows and rows of crosses," she went on, "I became numbed and stunned by the ghastliness of war. I thought of Tony, my boy, and of all he meant to do in the world." From her handbag she took out a faded letter, which she handed to me. "Read it," she said, "it was the last one he ever wrote."

My hand trembled and I felt a lump in my throat as I read of his hopes and plans for the future—hopes and plans to remain for ever unfulfilled.

One sentence seemed to be written in letters of blood. "Out here is hell, but from it all a new world will arise; only in this way can we be worthy of the men who have gone West."

This letter was dated September, 1915. It seems a tragic thought that ten years have elapsed and the new world for which so many of our kith and kin laid down their lives still waits to be born.

THE sight of those crosses made that woman forget her own troubles. "My boy gave his life to make a better world," she murmured brokenly, "and for years I betrayed the trust he passed on to me." A look of wonderful intensity came into those kindly eyes. "That is why I want you to let me serve these men—comrades of his"—and in an undertone she muttered, "until I drop."

The Sentence of the Court

Fraudulent Figures

And Very "Poor" Law

THERE was a murmur of surprise in court when a dapper, well-dressed person who gave the name of Neville Chamberlain and his occupation as the Minister of Health was charged with illegally obtaining outdoor relief from the West Ham guardians.

"The West Ham guardians," explained Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "are mentioned merely to comply with a legal technicality which requires that a specific charge shall be formulated, but the widespread frauds alleged against the accused relate not only to West Ham, but to all necessitous areas where names have been arbitrarily and fraudulently removed from the 'live' unemployment registers.

"It is not suggested that the accused appears personally before the guardians to claim outdoor relief, but the Government of which he is a member is, to a large extent, living on the rates. Having professed their ability to solve the unemployment problem, they are endeavouring to do so by abolishing the unemployed—on paper.

"Men formerly in receipt of the so-called 'dole' (that is to say, unemployment insurance benefit, to which they have contributed and to which they are legitimately entitled) are now driven to seek outdoor relief.

"This enables unscrupulous politicians and viewspapers to point, on the one hand, to an alleged reduction in unemployment and, on the other, to the alleged extravagance of the guardians, while all the time poor ratepayers are being sacrificed to the interests of rich super-taxpayers."

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Mr. Strawsplitter said that this utterly unjustifiable attack upon his client was a sort of smoke screen, designed to obscure the spendthrift tactics of Socialist guardians. In one year the average number per 10,000 of the population of England in receipt of poor relief had increased from 266 to 301.

The Socialists, he continued, were deliberately creating an army of bogus paupers, with the object of throwing discredit upon the capitalist system.

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"The figures quoted by counsel for the defence," said Mr. Justice Bull, "merely show that the Government is succeeding in its callous plan of driving the unemployed like rabbits back to their 'boroughs.' In wealthy districts fifty persons in 10,000 are in receipt of relief, while in the poorer boroughs three persons in twenty have to be assisted out of the rates.

"The result is that ratepayers in desirable residential districts like South Kensington pay lower rates than those in the East End, so that to inequality in suffering is added a glaring inequality of sacrifice.

"Plain facts count for more than crooked figures and those who do not deliberately shut their eyes to the former are not likely to swallow the latter.

"Unemployment is a national problem and any financial burdens arising from it should be borne by the nation as a whole, whereas they are now shifted to the shoulders of those least able to sustain them.

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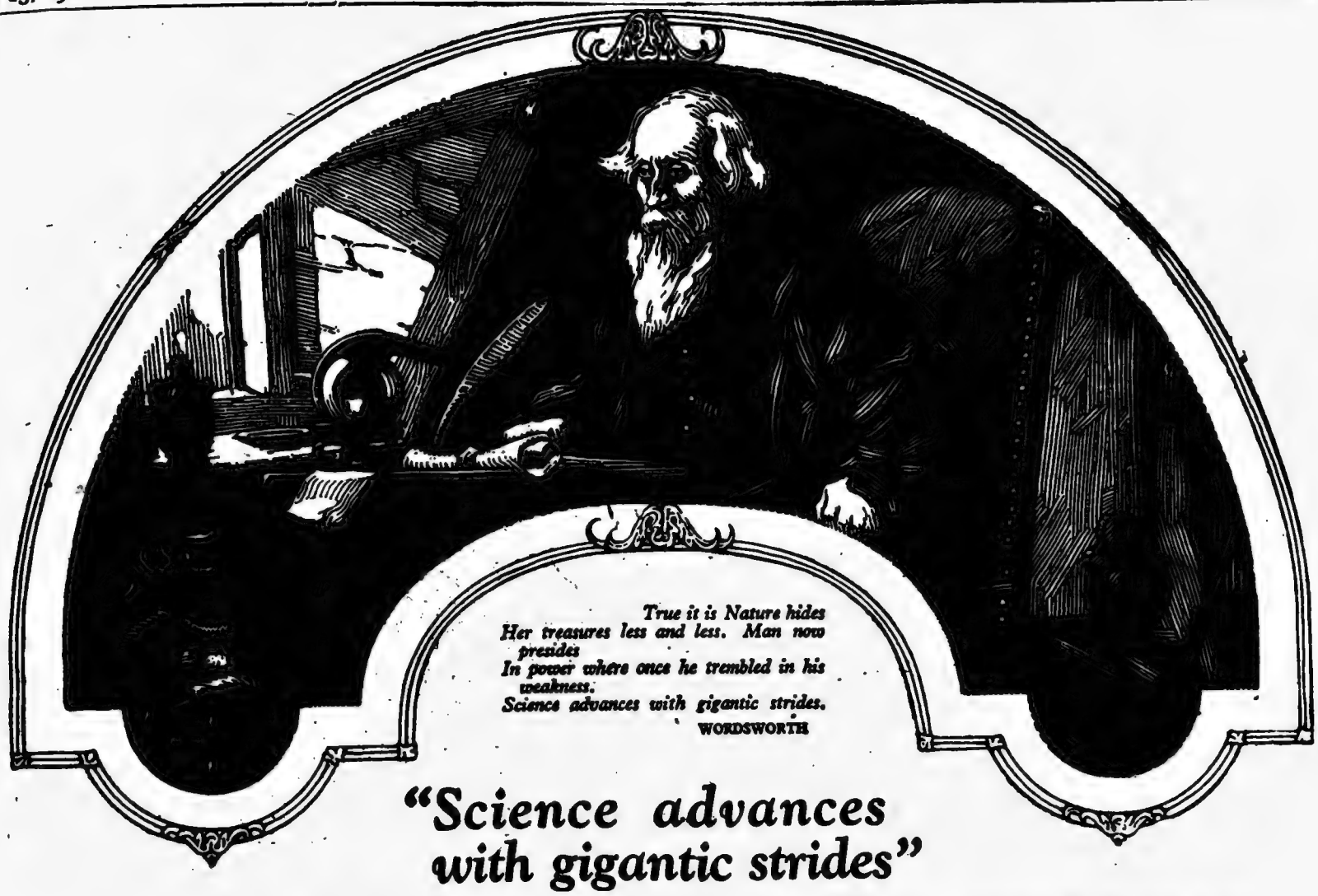

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Her treasures less and less. Man now presides
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"Science advances with gigantic strides"

THE Middle Ages present us with few more romantic figures than the Alchemist. Feared for his magic, more than one suffered the penalty of the stake as a grim reward for his reputed dealings with the Evil One. And yet to these pioneers — these persistent searchers for the Philosopher's Stone—civilization owes much. They were the world's first scientists.

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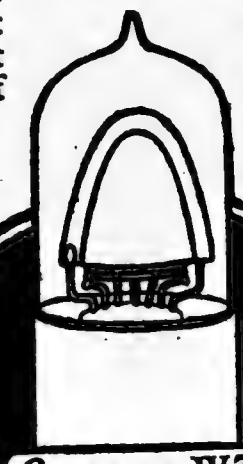

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Words Winged to Women

MR. BINGLEY BUNGLES

Magistrate's Sex Antagonism

by **MABEL HORNER**

MR. H. C. BINGLEY, the Marylebone magistrate, has suddenly distinguished himself. He has made a new discovery concerning the English law. The circumstances are sufficiently significant for every woman to note.

A man applied at the Marylebone Police Court for a separation order against his wife on the grounds of her desertion and misconduct.

So rare is such an application that the magistrate was at a loss. He had to consult the new Summary Jurisdiction (Separation and Maintenance) Act of 1925 to see if it covered the case. It did not.

The deserted husband was informed that his only course was to go to the High Court for a divorce. The sympathetic magistrate was highly indignant.

"This is another instance," said he, "of legislation which is all in favour of the woman, and disregards the rights of the man. *It is always heads I win and tails you lose for the woman nowadays.*"

A good thing for humanity

There spoke sex antagonism in its most blatant form. Such a statement is a direct challenge to woman's recent advance in citizenship. And the call of "the beast in man" has answered.

We are asked to admit the impossibility of absolute morality for the man. We are asked to enforce that standard for the woman with every penalty.

This is not exaggeration, as the following quotation from Sir Gilbert Parker, hot in defence of the Marylebone magistrate, will show:

"Woman cannot be put on the same plane as man in this kind of thing." (Sir Gilbert at the same time instances woman's inherent morality as against the "75 per cent." immorality of men.)

"Man is the creative animal. Woman is the receptive being. The child is with her, if she lives, from the hour of its birth until it goes to school. How wicked it would be, if in a country like this, where the inheritance of estate goes to the eldest son, if woman were to be on exactly the same basis in sexual life as a man."

No more fallacious and pernicious reasoning was ever penned. No sane person desires to see the moral standard for woman lowered. But who, in their right senses, dare say it would not be a good thing for the race if man's moral standard were raised and kept on a higher level?

Life's tragedies

I vehemently deny that woman, the mother, is a mere "receptive being." She is, in every essential, a strongly creative agency in the life of the child she bears. Even where she has chosen the father of that child unwisely her mentality and physical condition are determining factors.

A weakling of a woman, either mentally or bodily, will not bring into the world a robust, able man or woman child.

Fortunately, the Government, whatever Party is in power has wit enough to recognise this fact. Hence the strengthening of the law regarding separation and maintenance. Woman needs that help, God knows.

On a certain shelf I have locked away a great pile of letters which have reached me from women readers of JOHN BULL. Every one is on the same desperate theme.

Women seek relief from brutal men who resort to physical violence. They have been deserted. They speak of human tragedy, scattered hopes and broken hearts. What are such women to do when the husband and father breaks faith, and leaves a hapless wife and little children to face the world unprovided for?

The police are kept busy trying to track down such men. They are not kept busy trying to track down deserting wives and mothers. But what a hue and cry when one is found!

The real cure for all such trouble is equality. We don't want laws to "favour" women. Being man-made in the past they have shamelessly and overwhelmingly "favoured" the male.

Mr. H. C. Bingley, the Marylebone magistrate

The true line of advance

Men cannot have it both ways. They force women on marriage to resign from certain positions. Women on marriage sacrifice the independence of wages. Men refuse to put marriage and housekeeping on a sound commercial basis.

Therefore, women, when the binding power of love fails, must be protected against starvation. Meanwhile, common sense women recognise the true line of advance. They continue to work for equal citizenship.

A Marriage "Fraud"

by **DR. MARIE STOPES** (*President of the Society for Constructive Birth Control and Racial Progress, Author of "Married Love"*)

A GOOD many of my readers have written in more or less the same way as a correspondent who asks me to answer in a special article in JOHN BULL his question:

"Does it not indicate a filthy state of mind that a man should indulge his craving for a woman, or a woman her desire, unless there is a real wish for children? Surely, nothing more debases the mind than this form of legalised vice?"

Minds asking that question have been warped by the social contaminations of our day. Our nation has got accustomed throughout the centuries to an *unnatural* sex standard.

Even St. Paul would have corrected this questioner, for he most explicitly says, "Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time."

OUR Prayer-book reminds each couple when they marry of the *three* main uses of marriage—that it is intended not only for the procreation of children, but for a remedy against sin and to avoid fornication and for mutual comfort.

I would emphatically reverse my questioner's statement. To call the sex union of a married couple who love each other "legalised vice" indicates an extraordinary corruption of mind.

The sex union of lovers who live in the deep and lasting bond of marriage is honoured by religion and specially singled out by Christ for His approval.

The bride and bridegroom are explicitly told to forsake all others and cleave each to each. Not only are social and religious sanctions given to the union of man and woman in marriage, but Nature teaches the same even more explicitly.

In human relations, the mating of man and woman has a threefold value and significance. It nourishes and enriches the man; it nourishes and enriches the woman; it may procreate children.

IT is true that some married persons who have abstained from normal sex-life for many years say, "We have suffered no injury from doing this, and, therefore, others must follow our example."

But in all such couples whom I have studied personally, I find more injury than they imagine. A state of nervous tension very often results, with an irritability in the business or the home, sleeplessness, dyspepsia, a lack of generous happy impulses, a narrow outlook, and often a self-righteous Pharisaical attitude towards the rest of the world.

These *may* be lesser evils than the results of union; but they are *evils* and not to be demanded of normal people. One man may be so built that it is easy and entirely proper for him to abstain for long years.

Such persons, however, are seldom as virile, as creative, or as useful members of the community as they might otherwise be. *They have no right, however, because of their lack of virility to set up a claim as superiors* to the more virile members who pursue a natural and healthy life.

I say that a normal, fully sexed man and woman, loving deeply, marrying early as they should, having their children (as is best) while they are still young, will find ahead of them many years of intimate, enriching companionship in which marital union is important and should be free from child-bearing.

SUCH a couple should (and when they are fortunate enough to establish themselves do) form a circle of radiating energy and creative happiness in the community.

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"In the years that followed we were both faithful to those vows, and I have always felt that in very truth we were man and wife, though our union was not recorded in any earthly register.

"THE war was at its worst when our baby was born. It was not until then that we realised the wrong we had done. So long as we were by ourselves there seemed to be no harm done to anyone, but the arrival of the child made all the difference.

"We contemplated having our union made legal for the sake of the little one, but before we had done so, my man was striken with a mortal illness and I was left to face the world alone with my child.

"I, who had never been a legal wife, found myself a penniless widow. My furniture had to be sold almost as soon as it was paid for, and I was forced to work to maintain myself and the baby.

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"Is there any possible way in which my marriage could now be made legal so that I could obtain the wherewithal to make provision for my daughter's future?

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"There seems to be nothing to stop her doing so, seeing that she has the undertaking from her fiancé's relatives, but I cannot help doubting the wisdom of her going there.

"Possibly a word from you would convince her where my powers of persuasion have failed."

"HUMANIST" says: *I think it would be better for your daughter to give up the idea of going to America, even though the abandonment of her project should cause her a certain amount of humiliation, than to run the obvious dangers of going to a strange country where she cannot be certain of finding friends upon whom she can rely.*

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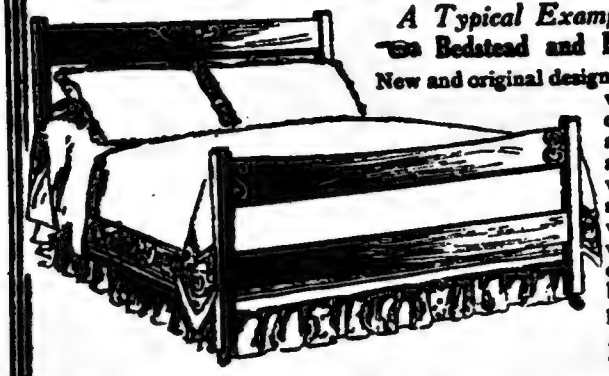

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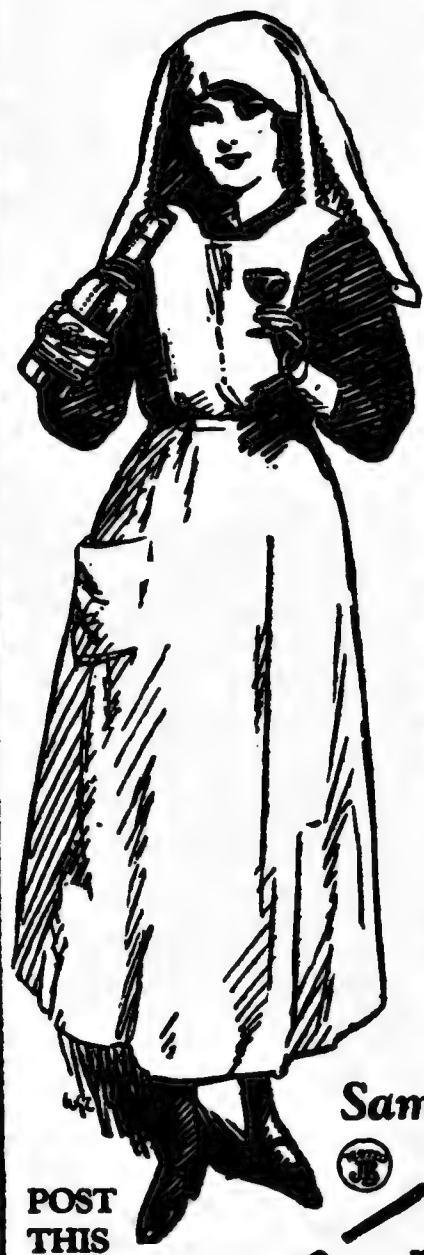

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The Urge of Love

I take exception to the Bishop of Birmingham's preposterous suggestion for the sterilisation of the unfit. Who is going to institute such administration that will interfere with the right to love whom we choose? I know of a girl who married a man who was tubercular, the union resulting in one kiddie, now ten years, just gone blind, and another three years, an imbecile, and the man himself gone blind. Nothing in the world will induce this wife and mother to be separated from him or hers.—*J. Purcell, Liverpool.*

Filling Up Asylums

The question of the propagation of the unfit provides endless argument, with nothing done. If our statesmen would devote their attention to considering pressing questions such as this, vitally affecting the welfare of the community, we should have a better England. Meanwhile, we are fast becoming a C3 nation, and we keep our prisons and asylums busy.—*S., Oldham.*

A National Asset

If the unfit were sterilised, the necessity for birth control methods would be eliminated. It is the children of diseased, feeble-minded and degenerate people that are a serious danger to the community. Robust and healthy children are an invaluable asset to the nation.—*J. R. W., Glasgow.*

Voluntary Sacrifice

It is good that the subject of the sterilisation of the unfit is making headway, but it will be a long time before public opinion translates words into deeds on compulsory lines. Meanwhile, why shouldn't those persons whose family contains a "taint" submit to voluntary sterilisation. Only on the lines of voluntary action can immediate results be expected.—*D. S. D., London.*

Dangerous Liberty

In one family I know the father was a drunkard, the wife died at forty from inherited disease, one daughter was blind, another an imbecile, while a son also suffered from "the sins of the fathers." Surely, such suffering should be prevented, even though our liberty may be imperilled.—*Eugenist, Teignmouth.*

Clever "Unfits"

Who are the unfit? Shakespeare, Byron, Shelley, Keats, Cowper, Milton and many others were unfit in some respect. Does the eugenist suggest these should never have been born? Where the unfitness is mental then marriage should be prohibited, but let us beware lest we raise a race of perfect men—and lose our birthright, liberty!—*R. J. H., Durham.*

Intolerable Cure

Sterilisation of the unfit may sound finely idealistic as a theory, but in practice it is doomed to failure. If eugenistic principles were to operate, the door to malpractices would be opened wide. If the object is to raise a race of supermen, or even of sound people, it must be done by other means, for in this instance the disease is more tolerable than the cure.—*G. H., Everton.*

A Marriage Exam.

To create a really A1 nation, through breeding healthy children, there is but one thing to do. Marriage by medical examination would go a long way to prevent more hereditary weaklings being thrust upon the country, and would, as well, tend to greater happiness.—*E. W. S., Colchester.*

The Fear of Old Age

Many firms and many companies have servants (clerks, cashiers, etc.) who have served them for forty or fifty years. Should it not be made compulsory, as in Government insurance offices, banks, and schools, to pay pensions of, say, two-thirds of salary at sixty-five years of age? This would increase employment and give good servants an impetus and something to look forward to.—*Old Servant, Middlesex.*

Cruel Sport

A few days ago the Irish newspapers reported that a stag which was pursued by huntsmen sought refuge in the premises of the Newcastle Urban Council. Man's inhumanity to man is only equalled by his cruelty to dumb animals. I suppose these ruthless hunters call themselves sportsmen. But, in my opinion, their conduct is monstrous. Do they ever think of the agony of mind and body which the hunted stag endures as it races for its life before them?—*J. McCaffrey, Dublin.*

Anonymous Advts.

When is the thoroughly bad practice of allowing the insertion of anonymous advts. to be abolished? At present any swindler, white slaver, moneylender, or even a "nosy-parker," posing as an employer, can, under cover of a Box No., extract from people of both sexes practically their life history, their references, and in many cases their photos. No decent employer is ashamed of his address. It is only the shady employer who conceals his identity.—*Anthony Stephens, Gloucester.*

Piffling Figures

You rightly call the Ministry of Labour's announcement of a drop of 2 per cent. in the cost of living "piffle." Who keeps the average level at 73 per cent.? I suggest that the big retailers with their enormous annual profits could supply the answer. As the daily papers reap a rich harvest for advertisements from those sources they refrain from taking up the cudgels on behalf of the public.—*Anti-Profiteer, Surbiton.*

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Employees "Had"

Two years ago my boss called a meeting of employees and asked for suggestions to run the place more economically, and for a greater output. Various alterations were made with the result that our output has been nearly doubled, but the worker has not benefited. We get our work done in four days, and can have an enforced holiday on Friday. So much for increased production.—*H. K., Norfolk.*

Who Pays the Waiter?

In a judgment summons recently, a waiter gave the information that he earned 18s. 6d. per week wages, and on an average £1 per week in tips. The judge remarked that it was rather hard on the public to have to pay for hotel servants. Here was a case in which the public paid more of the man's salary than the hotel proprietor. This practice is too common.—*Dalesman, Cumberland.*

The Employer's Reserve

The employment exchange, with its teeming thousands of desirous workers, is to certain of the employing class a greater asset than their banking accounts. Their wealth of itself being unable to create wealth they must have a number of unemployed with which to intimidate the worker who dares to call his soul his own.—*H. J. Wood, Notts.*

A White "Coalman"

A coal carter living in Dorset, while on his round, was much moved by the sight of a poor woman, with two or three children. When he asked her if she would like any coal, she said she wanted coal, but owing to her husband having met with a bad accident, she could not afford it. The carman carried her in a bag of coal, for which he paid out of his own pocket.—*S. Smart, Dorset.*

Fish Filchers

It was, indeed, time that some one spoke out strongly against the exorbitant prices charged for fish. It is the little bit of fish that gives any variety to the humble fare of the very poor, and for this they are now charged prices which make that well-nigh impossible. It is not even that the poor fisher folk receive any benefit from this ramping; those who get these ill-gotten profits are those who sweat the fisherman and rob the poorest purchaser.—*W. M. S., London, N.*

Marketing the Mussel

Mussels dispatched from south of Scotland railway stations to Tyneside markets seldom arrive within five days. Fishermen are fortunate if they receive 4s. per cwt. for their mussels, yet the retail price works out at 15s. per cwt. Mussels are often ten days old before they are offered for sale.—*Ex-Musselman, Cree-town.*

Our Dirty Food

Having read "The Gilt-Edged Kipper," I had no difficulty in identifying the railway station where I worked as a porter for several months, and have myself shovelled the fish back into boxes. The shovels used are the same as those employed on the weekly clean-out of the "docks," during which operation about a dozen or more box trucks are filled with the sweepings, consisting of dirty straw, rotten fruit, etc. In the evening the frozen meat train arrives, with Argentine meat. I have seen quarters of beef taken from the "shunt" and deposited on another bank for transhipping. Shortly after a tonnage porter has arrived with a drum of creosote, and dumped it on top of the meat.—*R. G. C., Plumstead*

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At a recent exhibition two sets were exhibited which had been made throughout by women. The most noticeable point about them was that the finish was superior to the majority of sets shown.

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The fact that wireless is now being used in trains should prove to the "doubters" that radio is a necessity for an up-to-date person. With the exception of difficulties, which occur during the passage of a train through a tunnel, reception is usually good.

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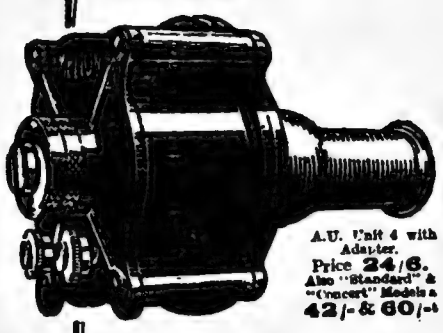

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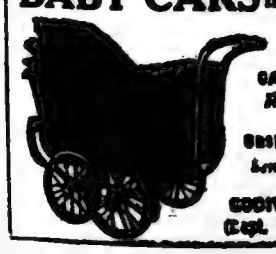

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MARCH came in like a lamb, instead of a lion, but the mild spell arrived too late to benefit most of the trainers with Lincoln ambitions. Very few have been able to get their charges in anything like shipshape order. Fitness has given way to fatness.

Six That Are Fit

I shall have another opportunity of referring to the big race, so I shall not give my final 1, 2, 3 until next week. In the meantime, I have sifted the stables very carefully to find the fittest in the field, and, in my opinion, they are Coram, Dignity, Box Hill, Nothing Venture, Tom Pinch and Windward.

Dignity and Impudence

So far, I have black-lettered Coram, and I am quite satisfied with his progress. Of the other five, my best information is for Dignity.

Form Goes by the Board

The D combination—Dempsey and Dignity—is being backed by a number of shrewd heads. Strictly on the book Sir Charles Hyde's four-year-old is held by Box Hill, but in March form goes by the board. Both horses ran in the Great Tom Plate, over the same course, in November, at level weights. Box Hill won by a short head. Dignity now has to concede 2 lb.

Frank Dempsey rides Dignity

The One Successful Jockey

I mentioned recently that some of the French stables wanted to secure the services of Frank Dempsey, but before he sailed from Australia he decided to ride for Scobie's stable. Last season Frank was the lucky "unlucky" jockey. He had the misfortune to be in the wars several times, and eventually a broken leg put him *hors de combat*. His mounts backed on a level stake showed a profit of over twenty points. Every other well-known jockey's rides came out on the wrong side of the ledger.

My Grand National Selections

Old Tay Bridge gave a delightful exhibition of jumping at Gatwick, and unless he is knocked over at Aintree, I still think he is certain to finish in the first three. A fortnight ago I suggested that Jack Anthony might forsake Hartigan's champion in favour of last year's winner, and now that he has decided on Double Chance it is unwise to ignore the pointer. Back both each way.

Carryduff's Fast Times

In my "notebook" pars I referred to Carryduff's good time for two miles at Lingfield, 4 m. 12 s. I coded him for the International Hurdle Race at Gatwick—a harder course than Lingfield—and on this occasion he won in 4 m. 7¼ s. Turner's horse is quite likely to follow in the footsteps of Boddam and Hong-Kong.

Herbert's Choice and English Fare

The International Hurdle was a particularly interesting race owing to the heavy support given to several competitors. Two to note as certain to win shortly are Herbert's Choice and English Fare, second and third. Herbert's Choice opened at 100 to 14, and after several bets had been struck £3,000 to £500 in one hand was noted. English Fare was supported in big bets to win well over £2,000. These losses have to be recovered.

Sons for Epinard and Mumty

I saw an interesting picture the other day of Epinal—Epinard's son—being taken out for a little exercise, carefully guarded by two keepers. He is a splendid youngster, but he is not the only important one. Mumtaz Mahal, the flying grey, has a son by Son-in-Law. Here we have speed and stamina.

France Starts First

In France they are generally a fortnight ahead of us with the start of the flat racing. Their 1926 season opens on Friday, March 12. It will pay English punters to follow racing on the other side closely this year because some of the fitter animals will be coming over here shortly. I cannot do better than advise that the French racing reports in the *Sporting Life and Sportsman* be followed closely each day because they will enable the form of the principal French horses to be noted.

Horses for our Classics

When their horses entered for our Classics begin to arrive, you will see reams covered with form records to show that the French two-year-olds were a poor lot, but please remember they always were, and no greater mistake can be made than to estimate the relative merits of French and English three-year-olds on what they did in their juvenile days. Methods differ so much that no comparison is possible.

Two-Year-Old Cracks Never Shine

The best English horses are generally revealed as two-year-olds, but the champions in France are not revealed until the second season. A fact that one cannot get round is that no two-year-old champion in France has ever achieved fame in the front rank as a three-year-old, great horses like Filibert de Savoie being drawn from those that either did not run as youngsters, or were dismissed as a poor lot.

FOR YOUR NOTEBOOK

Cyclax put up a speedy performance at Derby when he won over 2 miles in 3 m. 58⅘s. Fast-timers are always worth following.

What Luck had no luck at Lingfield. Young Payne lost an iron or his mount would have won easily.

Dromore is a clean fencer who should pick up a 'chase before the season ends.

Great Span will win again over three miles.

Give Slieve Rue another chance over fences. He toppled over the fallen Agincourt at Gatwick.

Firing Line was unlucky to run across First Magic at Newbury. If there are no champion hurdlers in his next race he will probably win. I know he was fancied to beat Poole's crack.

The A B C of Racing

I promised to give you full particulars of "The 'John Bull' A B C of Racing and Punters' Guide to the Turf," which is now on sale at all newsagents and bookstalls, so here goes. This little booklet is out of the rut. It does not give winners—no racing guide can—but it puts you wise to various methods by which they can be, and *are*, found. If you are a novice at the game, it will assist you to steer clear of pitfalls: if you are a know-all it will refresh your memory on certain points which make racing pay.

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FORECASTS FOR MARCH 20.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.

HOME WINNERS.—Arsenal, Aston Villa, Bolton, Leeds, Leicester, Manchester U., Newcastle.

AWAY WINNERS.—Sunderland, Tottenham.

DRAWS.—Liverpool v. Huddersfield, Notts Co. v. West Bromwich.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION II.

HOME WINNERS.—Fulham, Middlesbrough, Portsmouth, Preston, South Shields, Swansea, Sheffield Wednesday.

AWAY WINNERS.—Barnsley, Derby.

DRAWS.—Oldham v. Clapton O., Stockport v. Chelsea.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (NORTHERN).

HOME WINNERS.—Accrington, Bradford, Chesterfield, Grimsby, Hartlepools, Rochdale, Rotherham.

AWAY WINNER.—Crewe.

DRAWS.—Durham v. Ashington, Walsall v. Lincoln.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (SOUTHERN).

HOME WINNERS.—Bournemouth, Newport, Queen's Park Rangers, Reading, Swindon.

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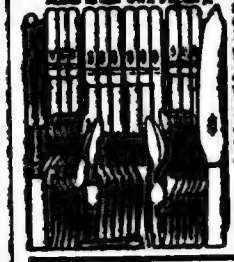
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THOSE who know of our Free Advice Service never hesitate to take advantage of it when any problem arises on which they need expert counsel. To those who have never taken the opportunity of consulting the Service, we would point out that it is for the benefit of readers who need the best advice in any sort of difficulty.

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H. W. (Lewisham).—"It takes two to make a fight." Generally, yes. But not Dempsey and Wills.

N. H. (Surbiton).—"He has a silly laugh." He must be what the Americans call a he-he man.

W. D. (Slough).—"His dog tore a large piece out of my trousers." You are entitled to redress.

D. P. (Leeds).—"Is this article worth the paper it's written on?" No, you've spoilt the nice blank paper.

D. L. (York).—"Seeing is believing." Not always. Most wives see their husbands every day.

A. N. (Stour).—"I called the waiter and demanded tea for two." Music or refreshment?

H. M. (Huntley).—"Can coal-selling in the street be called a career?" Well, it's certainly a calling.

E. T. (Manchester).—"He's growing grey and fat." Then he should dye it and diet.

R. G. (Darlington).—"Are jockeys allowed to bet?" No; but of course there's always one on a winner.

B. L. (Peckham).—"The police appeared suddenly and the crowd scattered." Bolts from the blue.

N. G. (Hornsey).—"What do you think of my poem?" N. G., N. G.

G. B. (Meavy).—"How tall is a fly?" It stands over six feet.

J. T. (Buckie).—"Through buying and selling I've made a good deal." You must be a good dealer.

L. N. (Kew).—"Skipping is an excellent means of getting rid of superfluous flesh." Bound to reduce.

L. E. (Crewe).—"Everybody is aware that he owns a lot of houses." A man is known by his deeds.

B. H. (Hendon).—"My wife refuses to do the housework now she is learning the tango." That's one way of polishing up her steps.

R. G. (Newcastle).—"Many a wife puts her husband on a pedestal." That's the only way she can manage to look up to him.

A. M. (Northfield).—"My wife has given me a pair of soft lamb's-wool slippers and thrown the old ones away." Won't the kiddies be pleased?

A. R. (Hoxton).—"Have you an opening for me if I call at your office?" Certainly. And please close it behind you.

A. N. (York).—"A butcher who gives short weight should be dealt with." He's just the sort of butcher who shouldn't be dealt with.

Mrs. N. (Paddington).—"My husband is a railway guard and comes home very tired at night." We can understand his flagging energies.

J. T. (Melton).—"What is a good thing to keep roosters from crowing in the early morning?" Roast fowl for dinner the previous day.

L. B. M. (Hove).—"I'd sooner go to a football match than a cinema." You prefer the features of the play to the play of the features.

L. T. (Eltham).—"If Nature deprives you of one faculty it increases another." True. When a man has a short leg the other one's always longer.

P. L. (Dover).—"A scientist says that character can be judged from the knees." It is gratifying to see that the modern girl shows plenty of character.

J. T. (Surbiton).—"He tried to borrow my lawnmower." Did you explain that it was Lent?

L. Y. (Liverpool).—"A girl shouldn't run after a man." Sometimes she throws herself at him.

P. B. (Bath).—"Everything comes to him who waits." But it often comes quicker to him who tips.

G. B. (Settle).—"But I expect some idiot told you the minute it happened." Yes, you did.

MYRA (Hampstead).—"I am hesitating about having my hair bobbed owing to the high charges of the hairdressers." Two bob or not to bob.

V. S. (Barmouth).—"Striking matches when filling the petrol tank is very dangerous." And lots of accidents are caused by a tight nut at the wheel.

D. B. (Willesden).—"I got into many a stew when I was a soldier." No wonder Tommy complained at dinner-time!

T. B. (Pickwick).—"The man who lectures at the microphone has an advantage over the lecturer in the hall." Yes; he can't see his audience yawning.

J. R. (Edmonton).—"It's the little things in life that are puzzling." Yes. Many a man can find his door but not the keyhole.

TAFFY (Cardiff).—"Her father asked me if I could support a family whatever." Did he mean his that is or yours that will be perhaps?

G. K. (Pudsey).—"To settle a bet, which is the longest sentence ever pronounced?" "I now pronounce you husband and wife."

H. J. (Lancaster).—"And what, I ask you, is the bread of idleness?" The stuff that our correspondents ensure nobody in this office shall ever eat.

Miss O. (Kew).—"I dreamed you wrote and asked me to keep away." We hope you won't refuse our invitation.

M. L. P. (Swansea).—"Many a man falls in love with a rosebud mouth or a pair of bright eyes." And then makes the mistake of marrying the whole girl.

A. F. S. (Nottingham).—"I was delighted to receive my £2 10s. *Bullets* prize. I am nearly seventy." Now win that *Bullets* £300 this week and you won't need an old-age pension.

C. S. (Leeds).—"What would you do if you had a wife who spends all her time hopping and dancing?" Be thankful she didn't spend it shopping and running up bills.

COMMUNIST (Wigan).—"The time is coming when no individual of either sex will be allowed food, drink, or clothing they don't earn by their own hand." Gee! That's bad news for the coming babies.

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"Can you explain?" the doctor asked.
Jock's wife replied: "Och, aye.
"I mind he read *The Passing Show*
"A year sin' come July."

J. J. (Norbury).—"I'll bet the story I enclosed amused you last week." Not last week. But it did towards the end of the last century when we heard it first.

D. H. (Mortlake).—"You haven't had the pleasure of meeting me personally." No; are you sure it would be?

Mrs. L. (Skipton).—"He asks why there aren't more women like me on the earth." If there were he'd be better off!

Miss T. (Lewes).—"Romantic girls can't help building castles in the air." But it's the practical girl who gets the heir in the castle.

A. V. (Morecambe).—"What can I do with a lodger who wants a hot joint every day?" Give him the cold shoulder.

M. R. E. (Golders Green).—"Enclosed is the best article I ever wrote." Don't despair. You may do better next time.

Mrs. F. (Bradford).—"I'm proud to say my husband takes his misfortunes like a man." Blames them all on to his wife in the usual manner, we suppose.

Miss M. (Hounslow).—"We don't hear so much scandal now about the living-in system." That's because living-in is dying out.

L. K. (Sittingbourne).—"He gave me two lovely black eyes, but I've no witness to prove it." On the contrary you have two eye witnesses.

R. W. (Brighouse).—"Critics have told me my poems sparkle like champagne." Quite right. Lots of froth and very dry.

S. N. (Buckhurst Hill).—"Girls of to-day are very free with their kisses." Did you get that from their own lips?

G. B. (Preston).—"These allegations against milk roundsmen won't hold water." But the milk will, and that's the trouble.

Mrs. J. (Liverpool).—"I got a dreadful fright on my wedding-day." Tut, tut! That's no way to speak of your husband.

Miss L. (Great Ayton).—"He plays the piano, so he can't be entirely without ability." Even a very poor fish can manage its scales.

LAUNDRY LASS (Manchester).—"If I get up a subscription list to fight for our rights what will you give?" Permission.

Mrs. C. (Tamworth).—"Tell me frankly what you think of enclosed photo of baby." He is evidently clean shaven, but looks like a hard drinker.

Mrs. L. (Kingswood).—"He declared he didn't know me from Adam." But surely you were dressed differently?

JESSIE (Brentwood).—"He says I hypnotise him and must marry him." That will wake him up all right.

Mrs. D. (Hampstead).—"My daughter is a peerless actress." Well, there aren't peers enough to go all round the stage.

M. M. (Pinner).—"What have people these days if they own neither motor-cars nor wireless?" A bank balance.

A. W. (Newport).—"She threw it at me with a flendish gusto." Find the flendish gusto and throw it back.

A. C. J. (Purley).—"I had a good hot lunch on board while crossing to St. Malo." Did you enjoy the chops of the Channel?

B. L. (Stevenage).—"We sat up all night by turns but no burglars came." Perhaps *they* were taking watches somewhere else.

C. A. (King's Lynn).—"My neighbour keeps on sending me in Communist pamphlets." When you see him, tell him you just take the whole lot as "red."

L. T. (Eastbourne).—"My *fiancée* will insist on trying to teach me the tango." Beginning to lead you a dance already, is she?

S. T. (Rock Ferry).—"What am I to do with my little boy when I find all my good advice to him turned down?" Turn him up.

F. G. C. (Northampton).—"My grocer is evidently getting alarmed at the threatened food law." No doubt; in future he may have to regulate his charges on a fairer scale.

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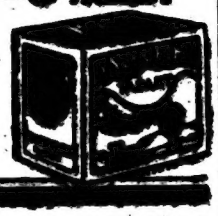

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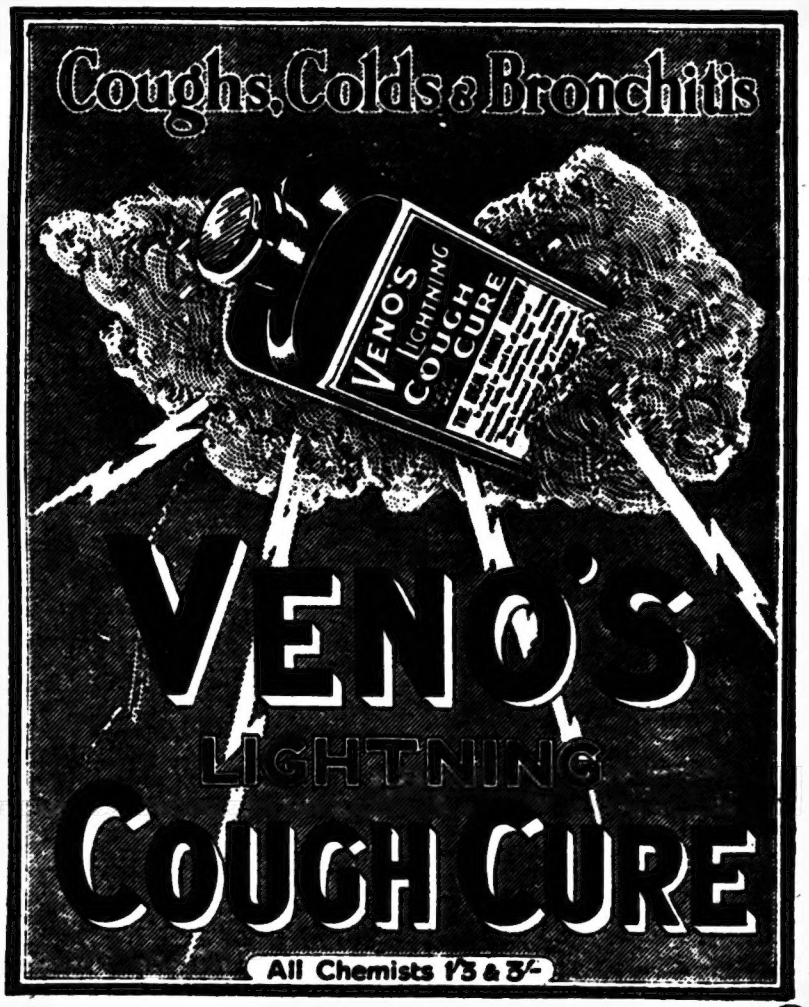

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Mrs. R. POPE, 188, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

Example:—YOU AND I
Bullet:—"BUFFERS" IN INDUSTRIAL "COLLISIONS."

SECOND PRIZE OF £100:

Mr. A. B. WATERS, Bothwell House, Talbot Street, Brierley Hill.

Example:—PARTY WARFARE
Bullet:—NUMEROUS "ATTACKS"—FEW "ACTIONS."

THIRD PRIZE OF £50:

Miss E. M. STARLING, 10, Trump Street, London, E.C.

Example:—AT THE DOCTOR'S
Bullet:—HEALTH'S "LAW-BREAKERS" AWAITING "VERDICT."

FOURTH PRIZE OF £30:

Mr. E. SMITHSON, 15, Broomfield Avenue, Palmer's Green, N.

Example:—OLD SOLDIER
Bullet:—ONCE "HURRAHED"—NOW "HIPPED."

FIFTH PRIZE OF £20:

Mr. W. H. CORNEY, 22, Old North Road, Royston, Herts.

Example:—OLD SOLDIER
Bullet:—RECALLS WAR—WAR RECALLS.
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

5 PRIZES OF £10 EACH:

C. H. CATTRALL, 3, Yew Tree Terr., Caldicot, Mon.
A BAD LOT—UNTIL FARMER'S *Selling* CROP.

J. HARDIE, 42, Joppa Road, Portobello, N.B.
AT THE DOCTOR'S—LIFE'S "ROAD FUND" RAISED.

H. HUTCHBY, 1, Stamford Street, Ilkeston, Derbys.
YOU AND I—"LEAGUE" THAT BEATS NATIONS.

M. SCHOLES, 39, Grove Hill Road, Camberwell, S.E.
AT THE DOCTOR'S—HOLIDAY RECOMMENDED—HOME, WORK.

M. TRUIN, 35, Leyland Street, Harpurhey, Manchester.
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FORGETTING—FEMALE IMPERSONATOR DONS WIG.

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GIRL HE MARRIED—AFTER SEARCHING WORLD—PLAYMATE.

A. A. COATES, 2, Museum Terrace, Scarborough.
PARTY WARFARE—UNEMPLOYED WAITING FOR "ARMISTICE."

P. GORDON, 11, Wordsworth Street, Liverpool.
SAID TO THE POLICEMAN—"I'M NOT DRUNK CONDUCTOR!"

Mrs. J. E. HICKLING, 33, Cheerwood Street, Coalville.
FORGETTING—IMMIGRANTS, "LETTING OURSELVES IN."

W. H. MARTIN, 31, Pronding Terrace, Llanelly.
HORSE THAT WINS—DISARMAMENT—IF UNIVERSALLY "BACKED."

E. MASSEY, 50, Himley Road, Lower Gornal.
WHAT IS A STRIKE?—WIDOWS—AS LAST RESOURCE.

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WIN OR LOSE
FOR CHARITY
AT THE MOMENT
FAMILY CIRCLE
MAKES WIFE TALK
ANNOYING HER
POSSIBLY
LAW COSTS
WHETHER OR NOT
BOTH ENDS
OVERFLOWING
FOLLOWING HORSES
TILL HE KNEW BETTER
ON CRUTCHES
OVERLOOKED
WITHOUT A WORD
STAR TURN
UPSETTING
HARD LINES
WHAT THE PALMIST SAID
STRIKING LUCKY
WHAT MRS. GRUNDY SAW
MY INCOME
SECOND TIME
BEHIND
FROM A BOY
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WORDY WARFARE
HEARD IN THE BUS
WIFE'S WAY
SHOUTING
WHAT IS THE TRUTH?

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Example _____
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